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Three mentally handicapped children crowd in front of a window at a hospital for retarded children at Vultures village near Bucharest. The dramatic life they used to live during dictator Ceausescu's rule

has been improved as more medical equipment and supplies were brought in, along with better food for the 76 children aged 3-to-8. (Reuter wirephoto)

Airbus: Rajiv blamed for deal

Last day to register

Poll campaign from Thursday



Candidates Speak

NEW DELHI, May 8, (UPI): Prime minister Rajiv Gandhi and four aides decided that India should purchase 31 European-made Airbus A-320 passenger jets in a deal that the government charges involved kickbacks to India officials, the Indian Express said today.

There was no immediate reaction from Rajiv to the report that he and his aides bypassed normal channels in approving the purchase.

The report triggered acrimonious exchanges in both houses of Parliament, with members of the opposition Congress (I) Party accusing the minority National Front government of Prime Minister V.P. Singh of leaking information to the media for political ends.

The government responded by agreeing to demands to present to Parliament documents relating to the March 15, 1986, deal. But, Civil Aviation Minister Arif Mohammad Khan announced that at least one crucial file was missing.

The Airbus deal is the latest of a series of transactions concluded by the Rajiv government, which was ousted in late November national polls, that are the targets of corruption investigations.

The Airbus probe was opened after an A-320 crashed on Feb 14 in the southern city of Bangalore, killing 90 people and sparking a flurry of news reports alleging wrongdoing in the aircraft's purchase.

The Indian Express reproduced on its front page a copy of a memorandum that said the decision to buy the European-made passenger jets was taken in an April 2, 1985, meeting between Rajiv and his aides in the former Indian leader's Parliament office.

The hand-written memorandum was signed by S.S. Sidhu, who then served as civil aviation secretary and is now the secretary-general of the Montreal-based International Civil Aviation Association, the newspaper said.

Sidhu was one of four former officials named by the Central Bureau of Investigation in preliminary charges filed March 29 that alleged that undisclosed kickbacks were paid to public servants to secure the Airbus deal.

Four unidentified Indian individuals were also charged, as were the A-320's manufacturer, French-based Airbus Industrie, and International Aero Engines of the United States, which have denied any wrongdoing.

The government alleged that kickbacks were paid to officials to cancel plans for state-owned Indian Airlines to purchase aircraft from US-based Boeing Co.

The former Rajiv administration had signed a July 1984 letter of intent to acquire 12 Boeing passenger jets, but abruptly cancelled the deal after receiving that October an unsolicited offer from Airbus Industrie.

The government charged that the decision was taken "in total disregard" of recommendations made by an expert panel that had not even considered the A-320 in reviewing aircraft for acquisition.



Candidates Speak

Abdull Gani Abdulla Abdull Gani of Hawalli said that the Interim Council is a transitional period for the National Assembly.

He believes the participation of citizens in the National Council is one way of serving Kuwait. "It is a way of keeping and preserving our country and unity from derailing."

He predicts more candidates will contest the elections. "The registration of candidates reflects their patriotic feelings."

In his campaign Gani will focus on matters concerning the public such as upgrading housing and health services, and fulfilling their needs.

He also will call for extending the retirement age and increasing the allowances for the technical employees in the government.

Hamed Abdulla Al Qourais Al Mutairi running for Farwaniya, believes in the role of the National Council to prevent "poisonous rumours and thoughts among those of no principles."

In his campaign he will call for encouraging the private sector and more flexibility in the labour law.

"This will provide more opportunities to Kuwaiti businessmen as well as expatriates to activate the local market."

Mutairi who praised the government's policy towards expatriates believes in reviewing the economic plans to regain the boom that Kuwait witnessed during the early eighties.

He criticised the names of the National Assembly experience and likened it to "pulling on a rope until it snaps."

In his campaign, Mutairi will focus on developing housing services for citizens.

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

TODAY is the last day for candidates to register for the upcoming Interim National Council elections.

Until yesterday another 67 candidates registered raising the number of hopefuls to 406. Election circle sources predicted the number of hopefuls would reach 500 with ex-members of the 1985 National Assembly's group of 32.

Sources also predicted a big number of withdrawals from Thursday onwards.

The sources added that campaigns are expected to be in full swing starting tomorrow. They are also expecting a boom in the local market especially in the livestock sales.

According to the election law, each candidate has to nominate one campaign manager (Kuwaiti) who should be registered at the same constituency.

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5 detained in bribery scam

FIVE Indians were last week detained for questioning by the police for their alleged involvement in a bribery scam.

Among them were an Air India official, a KAC staff member, two passengers and an "agent". They were detained for questioning last Monday for their alleged involvement in what is known as the excess baggage scam.

All except the "agent" have been released from custody after questioning. The AI executive has denied the allegations. No charges have been made.

It is not known who lodged the complaint.

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Suspect confesses killing of marine

MANILA, May 8, (AP): One of two Filipinos arrested in the killing of a US marine has confessed that he accidentally shot the American in a hold-up near the US-run Subic Bay naval base, authorities said today.

Police Lt. Col. MacArthur Torres said Renato Angeles, 38, confessed late yesterday while undergoing a lie-detector test inside Camp Crane in suburban Quezon City.

Angeles and a friend, William Burke, 24, were arrested earlier yesterday after witnesses said they had been running from a darkened street in Olongapo City where gunner Sgt. John Fredette was shot last Friday.

Yesterday, both suspects had denied involvement in Fredette's killing. They and several witnesses were taken to Manila for questioning.

Destroyer on fire

A fire below decks killed one crew member and injured about a dozen others aboard the destroyer USS Conyngham, a destroyer armed with tactical missiles, as it steamed off North Carolina yesterday.

A Pentagon spokesman said the blaze that broke out before dawn in a Conyngham engine space was the first such major accident at sea suffered by a US navy vessel since a series of incidents that caused an unprecedented three-day halt of routine sea operations last November.

Navy Lieutenant Cate Tinkler, speaking by phone from Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia, said the fire broke out from unknown causes in an engineering space about 5:35 am EDT (0935 GMT) astir Conyngham's routine operations in the Atlantic about 80 miles off the North Carolina coast.

The government charged that the decision was taken "in total disregard" of recommendations made by an expert panel that had not even considered the A-320 in reviewing aircraft for acquisition.

Marcoses dished out millions from palace cash boxes to hang on to power

LOS ANGELES, May 8, (UPI): Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos dispensed millions from palace cash boxes to thugs, politicians and journalists in an attempt to hang on to power in the final days of their regime in the Philippines.

The Times, citing a copy of a Macanacan presidential ledger it obtained, reported the couple gave out more than \$3.5 million in cash while President Marcos ran to keep his office in a fraud and violence-fraught election.

An accused political assassin, the National Press Corps, election officials and even an avowed communist were listed among recipients of cash and gifts on the previously undisclosed ledger.

The 56-page ledger was seized with other palace documents by the new government after the Marcos fled in the Feb. 25, 1986, revolt. It is similar to other palace ledgers that have been introduced as evidence in the six-week-old federal fraud and racketeering trial of Imelda Marcos in New York.

The ledger credits accused killer Arturo Pacifico with receiving about \$30,000 five days after the murder of Eulio Javier, a top aide to rival presidential candidate

Corazon Aquino. Pacifico was indicted in the shooting and is a fugitive.

The document also indicates gifts of watches and envelopes containing about \$250 each were provided to every reporter assigned to the presidential palace press corps and that some reporters received frequent cash gifts from Mrs. Marcos during the campaign.

The Times said the ledger recorded payments totalling about \$15,000 to avowed communist Nilo Tayag after he denounced Marxism and campaigned for Marcos.

Gorbachev rebuffed veterans and senior officers demanding a harder line against anti-socialist elements, saying the military could not avoid reform.

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'Made in Iraq'

Saddam displays nuke triggers

BAGHDAD, May 8, (Agencies): President Saddam Hussein today displayed several locally made, electric triggering devices in an effort to refute charges by British and American customs agents that Iraq was trying to obtain them illegally for nuclear weapons.

He also said that Iraq had been able to import some of the devices before a batch seized during a March sting operation in England.

Saddam displayed the devices, which he said were similar to one produced in the United States, which also showed to the participants.

"If the British or the Americans want to import some of these devices which are labelled made in Iraq they can negotiate a deal with the Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialization," he announced to the cheers and applause of the Arab delegates.

Saddam also disclosed that Iraq was able to import some of the same devices produced by the American firm before British customs officers seized a batch at London's Heathrow airport.

"The ones they seized were not all what crossed," he said without further elaboration.

Saddam said the technicians took the initiative themselves and without being asked, produced two samples in two different government enterprises.

The President also accused the West of conducting a campaign to hinder what he described as Iraq's technical and scientific advancement.

He said the West "hates Iraq wherever it purchased equipment in order to prevent it, and consequently the Arab nation, from looking to the future."

Saddam said Iraq will not give up its course of technical development despite pressure from the West.

Technical and scientific advancement is the new title of patriotism. So how can an honest and patriotic man retract from such a course?" he said.

"Any one who says that he is independent in his country should check that with his scientific and technical development, and this applies especially to the Arabs," he said.

At the Baghdad rally, speaker after speaker attacked Britain, the United States and Israel, while expressing support for Iraq in what they said was an organised campaign to slander Iraq and force it to halt its technical advancement.

Saddam said the campaign against Iraq started in March after his government banned a London based Iranian-born journalist, Farzad Bazoft, accused of spying for Israel and Britain.

United Nations inspectors said today that they had found no evidence that Iraq was diverting material from its nuclear energy programme to military use.

A prominent British newspaper continued today its smear campaign against Baghdad by suggesting a British link in the supply of a self-propelled weapon to Iraq.



Golf set worth \$633,000

A sales lady shows off a three-piece golf set worth 100 million yen (\$633,000) during a "Diamonds for Working Women" campaign by a Tokyo dealer yesterday. The putter has 288 diamonds and consists of 21.12 carats; the tee has 318 diamonds of 25.13 carats, while the ball has 44 diamonds and consists of 4.25 carats. (Reuter wirephoto)

Israelis kill 2 in South Lebanon

10 killed in East Beirut carnage

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8, (Reuters): Israeli troops in South Lebanon shot and killed two commandos they encountered today inside Israel's self-declared security zone, the army said.

"An IDF (Israel Defence Force) force engaged in routine activity came upon the terrorists north of Qantara," the army said in a statement.

"The IDF force opened fire toward the terrorists, killing two of them," it said. "There were no injuries among our force."

Rival Christian forces battled with artillery north of Beirut today after savage night-long fighting that set hospitals ablaze while fending off Hezbollah fighters.

"The city is burning." The cry of a resident

rose above the thunder of exploding shells and rockets today.

More than 10 people were killed and 20 wounded, including five children. Security sources said the children were playing close to their homes in Jdaydeh area when mortar bombs fell nearby.

Among the dead was army Col. Francois Zein, head of the Lebanese Military Academy of General Michel Aoun.

Troops of General Michel Aoun and militiamen of the Lebanese Forces (LF) battled for a 14th week in most of East Beirut and nearby mountains.

Security sources said Zein and another officer were killed when a shell struck their office at the academy in the area of Fiyadh. Scores of soldiers also hit Aoun's Defence Ministry and presidential palace in the suburbs of Baabda.

The heavy shelling engulfed most of East Beirut residential neighbourhoods and villages where families huddled in hiding and fear in underground shelters. The wailing sirens of ambulances, racing through the streets, echoed across the city.

"Shells are raining down non-stop on nearly every quarter of East Beirut. The city is lighting up from the glow of the exploding shells... it is burning, it is burning," cried resident Sougat Helou.

Not a single neighbourhood appeared to have escaped the shelling which started several fires in residential areas and on the pine-clad hills overlooking the heart of the Christian enclave.

Vaziri said the Soviet Union could play a role towards achieving the comprehensive peace which has eluded Iran and Iraq in UN-mediated peace talks held after their August 1988 ceasefire, the agency added.

Iran and Iraq welcomed Moscow's mediation offer in January, but Iranian officials later said the Soviet leadership had not followed it up because it was pre-occupied in domestic problems.

Petrovsky, who arrived in Tehran on Sunday, told Vaziri that Moscow backed the peace initiatives of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and full implementation of Security Council Resolution 598.

The Iranian parliament today passed a bill to provide material and political support for the Palestinian people, Tehran Radio said.

"We followed with great regret an announcement by (senior Iranian cleric) Mehdi Imam Jamiat that indirect negotiations on raising the numbers of Iranian pilgrims had failed."

Welcome Iranians

NICOSIA, May 8, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia said today it would welcome Iranian to next month's annual pilgrimage to the Muslim holy cities of Makkah and Medina and remained willing to negotiate over the issue.

Crucial talks on US bases

Major diplomatic challenge for Aquino

MANILA, May 8. (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino is heading into crucial negotiations with the United States next week beset by a faltering Philippine economic recovery and persistent fears of another coup attempt by army rebels.

The Philippines and the United States open exploratory talks next Monday on the future of the country's American military bases in a major diplomatic challenge for Aquino.

Washington is pressing to keep the bases, which would help defend the Indian and Pacific Ocean regions until the next century, but there are growing demands in the Philippines for them to be removed.

Diplomats say Aquino's domestic difficulties are likely to weaken her hand in the negotiations with the United States, with 78,000 Filipino jobs at stake and \$1 billion a

year in aid and indirect spending linked to the bases.

The 57-year-old widow faces a mounting chorus of criticism of her government's performance, and the outcome of the talks will colour the final two years of her presidency.

At home, she is seen increasingly as a weak and inept leader who does not have a true grasp of her job, politicians and analysts say.

The army is fragmented, her centrepiece land reform programme is stalled, the economy has been hit by persistent electric power shortages and coup rumours, and the government has come under fire for tolerating widespread corruption and continued human rights abuses.

In the annals of Philippine politics, the Aquino presidency stands out as the only administration that has been paralysed by the

moderant fear of exercising state power," said Amado Doronila, editor-in-chief of the Manila Chronicle, in a front page commentary.

Doronila, who usually supports Aquino, warned she had created a political vacuum that had encouraged army rebels to try to take over.

"The Filipinos, including members of the armed forces, expect to be told what to do and to be ordered — especially the soldiers — by their constitutional commander-in-chief."

Francisco Tatad, a former spokesman for the late president Ferdinand Marcos who is now editor of the pro-opposition daily Newday, says Aquino has failed to tackle some of the country's most basic problems, like the power shortage.

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From left to right in front are Captain Danilo Pizarro, Brig. Gen. Jose Comendador and Brig. Gen. Marcelo Blando, standing before a military tribunal May 8 in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)



A witness points to (L-R) Rey Angeles and Billy Burke May 7 in Olongapo, suspected killers of Fredette. (Reuter wirephoto)

Defence lawyers walk out

Philippine coup trial

MANILA, May 8. (AP): Lawyers for soldiers accused of trying to overthrow President Corazon Aquino walked out of court today after military judges denied their motion questioning the legality of the tribunal.

One of the civilian lawyers told the court he would not participate further in the trial and walked out, followed by the other defence lawyers. They were cheered by 21 officers accused of participating in the December coup attempt.

The officers, including two generals, were the first soldiers to face court martial in the Dec. 1-9 fighting and overthrow attempt, the strongest and bloodiest of six bids to topple Aquino since she took office four years ago in an uprising against the late president Ferdinand Marcos.

All 21 have been charged with mutiny, murder, attempted murder and conduct unbecoming an officer.

In Philippines

12 killed in clash

CEBU, May 8. (AP): At least 12 people were killed in a clash between government troops and communist guerrillas in the central Philippines, the military reported today.

Brig. Gen. Raul Imperial, regional Philippine constabulary commander, said about 70 New People's Army guerrillas swooped down on a constabulary base in Bilar town on Bohol island, about 640 kilometres (400 miles) southeast of Manila.

Twin soldiers were killed in the opening shots of the attack. The outnumbered defenders fought back, but were forced to withdraw after three government militiamen were wounded, Imperial said. The three died en route in a hospital in nearby Carmen town.

The rebels took away two rifles left by the fleeing soldiers and torched the outpost before escaping.

Two more soldiers were killed when pursuing troopers hit one of three land mines left by the guerrillas along their escape route, Imperial said.

Imperial quoted witnesses as saying five guerrillas were killed in the firefight, but their comrades carried away their bodies.

They could receive life imprisonment if convicted of all charges.

Brig. Gen. Jose Comendador, one of the accused, declared: "This is worse than a kangaroo court," and said the defendants would not participate in the trial if they were not represented by their civilian lawyers.

During the opening session, defense lawyers filed several motions, including one challenging the authority of military Chief of Staff Gen. Remain de Villa to appoint the court.

The proceedings were adjourned for about 10 minutes as prosecutors scurried to find a copy of the order appointing the court.

The defense lawyers argued that the order creating the court and appointing its members was not signed by De Villa, but the military judges ruled that the tribunal was "duly constituted".

"I'm sorry I cannot stand in behalf of my client and could not be a willing instrument over this illegally assembled body," former appellate court Judge Alfredo Lazaro told the judges before leading the walkout in about dozen lawyers.

Lazaro represented Lt. Col. Romelino Gingo, a marine commander who led rebel troops in taking over the suburban Villamor Air Base.

Second Alzheimer gene located

NEW YORK. May 8, (AP): A study has found evidence for the approximate location of a second defective gene that helps cause Alzheimer's disease, a possible step toward developing a therapy, a researcher said yesterday.

The gene appears linked to a form of the disease that runs in families and strikes at an average age of 69, said Dr. Alleo D. Roses of the Duke University medical centre in Durham, North Carolina.

He said that late onset more closely resembles the kind of Alzheimer's "that everybody's worried about" than does the younger age associated with a genetic defect located earlier.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain and impairs memory, thinking and behaviour. No cause or cure is known.

Roses reported the study last week at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology.

In a telephone interview yesterday he said it is not clear what percentage of Alzheimer's cases is accounted for by the form of the disease his research group studied.

"We think that anything we find in what is recognized as late-onset familial Alzheimer's disease will certainly have applicability, or can be tested for applicability, to those people who appear to be sporadic (cases)," he said.

"So that if in fact we can find a gene, and we can develop a rational therapy based on what we find, that therapy certainly ought to be tried in the sporadic."

The study was aimed at finding a location for the second gene among the 23 pairs of chromosomes found in most cells of the body.

Results suggest a "very high likelihood" that a defective gene conferring susceptibility to late-onset familial Alzheimer's resides in a portion of the chromosome numbered 19, Roses said.

In 1987, other researchers said they had found evidence that a gene or genes in a region of chromosome 21 was linked to a form of Alzheimer's that strikes before age 65.

The new work "sort of shines a flashlight on a new area" for researchers to pursue, Roses said.

Aids group to boycott meet

NEW YORK. May 8, (UPI): A leading group in the fight against Aids yesterday joined a boycott by more than 50 other health organizations worldwide of an upcoming international Aids conference in San Francisco.

Jeffrey Braff, executive director of Gay Men's Health Crisis, said the action represented a "last-ditch effort" to force the United States to change a regulation barring entry to people infected by the virus that causes the disease.

Braff, whose non-profit group is the oldest and largest Aids service group in the country, said there was no medical justification for the law, sponsored by right-wing Senator Jesse Helms, a north Carolina Republican.

"Walls cannot protect us from Aids," he said, echoing a slogan used in full-page advertisements placed by his group calling for repeal of the law. "Only knowledge can."

The conference, held last year in Montreal, is regarded as the premier scientific meeting on Aids worldwide.

Thirteen deaths have been blamed

Bush will veto mandated family leave: Sununu

WASHINGTON. May 8, (AP): President George Bush will veto any bill requiring employers to give time off to workers with new babies or family illness, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu told business leaders.

Sununu threatened any version of the pending "family leave" bill that would mandate

such an employee benefit, according to business group lobbyists who attended a White House meeting with him. Alike Glenn, deputy White House spokeswoman, later confirmed he had made such remarks.

The Family and Medical Leave Act would require businesses with 50 or more employees

to offer unpaid time off for the care of newborn, newly adopted or seriously ill children, as well as to deal with personal health problems or to tend to spouses or parents.

The bill, which has bipartisan support, is scheduled for House action tomorrow. The bill is

opposed by the US Chamber of Commerce and other business lobbying groups.

Mary Tavenner, a lobbyist for the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors, said businesses opposed the measure because of its cost and contended that many employers already offer better benefits.

Under the House bill, employers would have to offer up to 10 weeks of unpaid family leave over a two-year period and up to 15 weeks a year for a sick worker.

An employee returning from leave must be restored to his or her previous job or an equivalent

position, and employers would have to continue health insurance benefits for those on leave.

A group supporting the proposal, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, released a study yesterday contending that workers suffer substantial earnings losses after the birth of a child or during illness because many don't have the right to return to their jobs.



'Kiss' sold for \$6.05 million

Roy Lichtenstein's 1962 painting 'Kiss II' (above) was sold to a Japanese gallery on Monday for \$6.05 million, a record for the artist, during the first major auction in the spring season at Christie's.

Records were set for work by 10 artists in the sale, which took place in the auction house's Park Avenue offices, and was dominated by abstract expressionists.

A 1962 oil painting by Jean Dubuffet titled 'Pese Cheveu' sold for \$5.17 million, double the expected sale price and a record for the artist, Christie's said.

Lichtenstein's 'Kiss II,' a 57-by-67-inch (170-cm) cartoon image of lovers embracing, was bought by the Fujii Gallery of Tokyo for a collector identified only as Mr. Wanibuchi, Christie's officials said.

High winds kill 8 in Washington

Flooding in Texas

SPOKANE, Washington, May 8, (AP): Authorities have abandoned their search for a boy lost in a boating accident when high winds battered Washington state and British Columbia over the weekend. Boating and other accidents left at least eight dead and three missing.

Remnants of the winds reached 30 knots yesterday, forcing those looking for 5-year-old William Yoeman, Jr., in the Columbia river to rely on a plane instead of a boat.

Also yesterday, a coast guard helicopter spotted the body of Brian Bell, 22, in Puget Sound near the mouth of Discovery Bay, said petty officer Dennis Hall of the coast guard's Seattle office. Later in the day, the coast guard recovered the body of Bell's fishing companion, John Hoskuldson III, 34. The two had been in a 15-foot (5-metre) boat that sank in Saturday's storm.

Rural Texans stubbornly stayed by their homes as the Trinity River — swollen from the worst northern Texas flooding in more than 80 years — rolled southward toward the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday.

Elsewhere, a reservoir on the Oklahoma Line began failing after hitting a record of more than 27 feet (8 metres) above normal. Roads and bridges were on the rise in Arkansas, where flooding has forced the evacuation of more than 300 homes and driven the reptiles from nesting areas.

The dwelling was the 139th demolished since Kilauea began erupting in January 1983.

The church and the area's only store and drive-in restaurant, which functioned as an unofficial community centre in better days, remained standing despite active lava on their north and west sides.

Glowing lava carried miles eastward. Surge from the vent on Kilauea's southeast slope pushed the leading flow forward down a beach-front highway.

Thirteen deaths have been blamed

Judge drops adultery charge

ASHLAND, Wisconsin, May 8, (AP): A woman charged under the state's seldom-enforced adultery law won't be prosecuted, according to an agreement between the defence and prosecution.

The agreement yesterday requires Doane E. Carroll, 28, to perform 40 hours of community service and attend two months of parental counseling sessions.

If she complies with the conditions the charge will be dismissed at the end of that period, under the agreement signed yesterday by acting Ashland county circuit court judge Thomas J. Gallagher.

District attorney Robert E. Eaton, who filed the charge against Carroll in July, did not return a call to his office yesterday. He has refused to recent weeks to discuss the case.

Carroll's lawyer, Jay S. Moynihan, said she entered into the agreement to avoid going through a trial. Carroll, a homemaker, has been free on bail and has moved to Janesville with her 7-year-old son. Their phone number is unlisted.

Carroll, who pleaded innocent to the adultery charge, had admitted during divorce hearings that she had an extramarital affair in 1989.

Her former husband, Robert, also admitted he had had an affair. But prosecutors did not press adultery charges against him, saying there was insufficient evidence to prove any violation occurred in Wisconsin.

A court-appointed guardian for the couple's son said last fall that Carroll wanted to disqualify his wife for custody, which she later won. Eaton has said the dispute played no part in his decision to charge Carroll with adultery.

The statue, which prosecutors said seldom has been enforced this century, prohibits a married person from having sexual intercourse with any person other than his or her spouse.

It carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and \$10,000 in fines.

McMartin

Distraught juror interrupts retrial

LOS ANGELES, May 8, (AP): Opening statements in the second molestation trial of Ray Buckey began Monday but were interrupted when an alternate juror reported she was distraught over a weekend boat fire that imperilled her family.

The woman juror, who agreed to go forward with the trial of the McMartin pre-school case, began coughing violently moments after the prosecutor began his address to the jury and had to be led out of the courtroom.

Superior court judge Stanley Weisberg called a recess to give the juror time to compose herself and see if she would be able to proceed.

The woman told Weisberg before the session began that her entire family was aboard the boat.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

SAN FRANCISCO: At least 10 motorists were robbed over the weekend after a gang dumped oil on a San Francisco street, then accused the occupants of fears that spun out of control, police said.

"With the oil on the streets, the tires can't get a grip, and the victims can't get away," a police lieutenant told the San Francisco examiner.

"They're just helpless."

Police called the gang, which numbered five or more men armed with clubs, the Oil Can Bandits. (Reuter)

NEW YORK: Yoko Ono says her son, Sean, helped her pull through after the murder of her husband, John Lennon.

"Some days, I felt life wasn't worth it, but it was important that I stay around for Sean, or he would have lost two parents," Ono said in an interview in Sunday's Daily News Magazine.

Sean, now 14, was 5 when his former Beatle father was slain. He attends school in Switzerland and hopes for a music career.

Ono said she prefers to choose another path but will not stand in his way. (AP)

MILAN, Italy: American film actor Sylvester Stallone, star of the violent box-office hits Rambo and Rocky, wants to shake off his tough hero image and turn green.

"I want Rambo to disappear unless I'm allowed to turn him into the defender of the ecological battle to save the environment. My new Rambo will be closer to Greenpeace than to the CIA," he said at a show in Milan to be broadcast on Italian television on Tuesday. (Reuter)

TOKYO: Officials investigating mysterious tremors that have been shaking houses in part of Japan's city have found the cause — not an earthquake but rock fans jumping up and down at a local nightclub.

The environment office in Kawasaki, south of Tokyo, on Tuesday ordered the Club Citta to thicken its floors with concrete. At the club, which has no seats, up to 1,100 fans have been jumping up and down in unison at nightclubs. (Reuter)

ATLANTA, Georgia: Thomas Catherall had to be on his best behaviour as a judge in the US chefs open, especially when he started chewing on amateur chef's lamb kebab.

"I could have eaten my shoe and it would have been more tasty," said Catherall, head chef at the Cherokee town and country club in Atlanta.

But overall, Catherall, one of 33 certified master chefs in the United States, gave the amateur chefs high grades for their culinary creations. (AP)

NEW YORK: Norman Vincent Peale wants to honour a few ordinary people who do good deeds with none of the glory.

The author-minister announced Sunday that a search is on throughout the United States for heroes to be lauded with

America's awards and \$1,000 each.

"We're looking for unsung heroes who personify American character and spirit, for 'ordinary folks' who are extraordinary examples of such values as compassion, honesty, courage or even friendliness," he said. (AP)

AUSTIN, Texas: Town Lake may get a new name, Lake Lady Bird, for the widow of former US President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"We want to put you on the map forever," Austin Mayor Lee Cooke told Mrs Johnson at a dinner Friday to mark the 25th anniversary of Johnson's inauguration.

"Lady Bird Johnson has cultivated beauty, and she has shared it with us.... This is our way of saying 'Thank you' for the many gifts of beauty, courage and care that she has so generously brought to our world," Cooke said.

The dinner was at the LBJ Library at the University of Texas. Cooke said a majority of the city council has agreed to the name change.



Bob Hope show

Comedian Bob Hope poses with LaToya Jackson (left) and Miss Universe 1990, Mona Grudt of Norway, on Monday, at RAF Midland Hall, England, where they were filming part of a music and variety show. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Hoffman, Turner nominated

1990 Tonys for the best of Broadway

NEW YORK, May 8, (AP): Movie stars Dustin Hoffman, Kathleen Turner, Maggie Smith and Tom Hulce won recognition for their work on stage in the 1990 Tony nominations for the best of Broadway.

Two lavish musicals, "Grand Hotel" and "City of Angels," dominated the nominations announced yesterday.

"Grand Hotel," a Tommy tune musical set in 1920s Berlin, led the field in the musical category with 12 nominations. "City of Angels," a 1940s Los Angeles detective musical, garnered 11.

Both shows were nominated for best musical along with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Aspects of Love" and "Meet Me in St Louis," a stage version of the MGM musical.

The winners will be announced June 3.

The Piano Lesson," by August Wilson, the winner of this year's Pulitzer Prize for drama, is the top contender for best play. It will face "Prelude To A Kiss," a comic fantasy by Craig Lucas, "Lettice and Lovage," by Peter Shaffer, and "The Grapes of Wrath," an adaptation by Frank Galati of John Steinbeck's novel.

Smith was the favourite to win the best actress play award for her performance as an eccentric British tour guide in "Lettice and Lovage."

2 Colombians held in Florida

Plot to buy Stinger missiles

TAMPA, May 8. (AP): Two Colombians who claimed links to the Medellin drug cartel were in custody yesterday accused of trying to buy Stinger missiles to use against aircraft carrying Colombian government officials, the FBI said.

The men agreed to hand over \$1 million in cocaine profits as a down payment for 120 Stinger missiles and 50 automatic rifles, plus a plane to transport the weapons back to Colombia, FBI agent Charles A. Salomme testified.

The suspects, claiming to work for reputed cartel kingpin Pablo Escobar, said bribed officials would help them smuggle the weapons for attacks on the anti-drug Colombian government.

The suspects told undercover agents they would pay \$5 million from the planned sale of 400 to 600 kilos of cocaine — for the plane and the weapons, and \$1 million to the people who would steal the weapons, Salomme told a federal magistrate.

FBI officials said a Stinger sells for about \$14,000 on the legitimate arms market. The 4-foot-long (1.2 metre) 35 pound (16 kilogramme) shoulder-fired missile uses an infrared homing device to aim itself at the heat generated by an aircraft's engine.

Assassination

Allen McCreight, FBI chief in Tampa, said investigators weren't aware of specific plans by drug traffickers to assassinate Colombian President Virgilio Barco Vargas, who has waged war on drug smugglers, or his cabinet.

Violence linked to Colombia's drug lords has claimed the lives of three presidential candidates in that country in the past year.

This case is the most recent of several reported attempts by drug traffickers to obtain Stingers, but federal officials say none of the earlier negotiations had gone as far as the plot involving the two men arrested Saturday.

A Miami task force on narcotics and terrorism seized a mini-arsenal of automatic weapons and ammunition from a Miami home where the two had stayed, the FBI said.

An undercover drug investigation in Polk County in west-central Florida eventually led to the federal "sting" in the weapons deal.

The traffickers were shown a Stinger brought in from Fort Stewart, Georgia, Polk Sheriff Lawrence Crow said, but no weapons exchanged hands.

Authorities on Saturday arrested Alfredo Antonio Ramos-Tinoco, 47, at a Tampa hotel bar, and Luis Fernando Arcila-Giraldo, 28, near Miami international airport.

Changed

Both were charged with conspiracy to receive stolen property and export arms illegally, as well as aiding and abetting the importation and possession with intent to distribute marijuana and cocaine.

Ramos-Tinoco was ordered held without bond yesterday by US Magistrate Thomas Wilson in Tampa. He was appointed a public defender after claiming he couldn't afford to pay an attorney.

Arcila-Giraldo, who also goes by the name of Luis Alfredo Fernando Hernandez-Zuluaga, was appointed a public defender during a brief appearance before US Magistrate Linnea Johnson in Miami yesterday. He was ordered held without bond.

An FBI affidavit said Ramos-Tinoco "described Luis as a close associate" of Colombian drug boss Pablo Escobar. It also said Ramos-Tinoco "stated that if this arms exchange deal went well, it would be arranged for the undercover organisation to handle future transportation of drugs into the United States on behalf of the Pablo Escobar group."

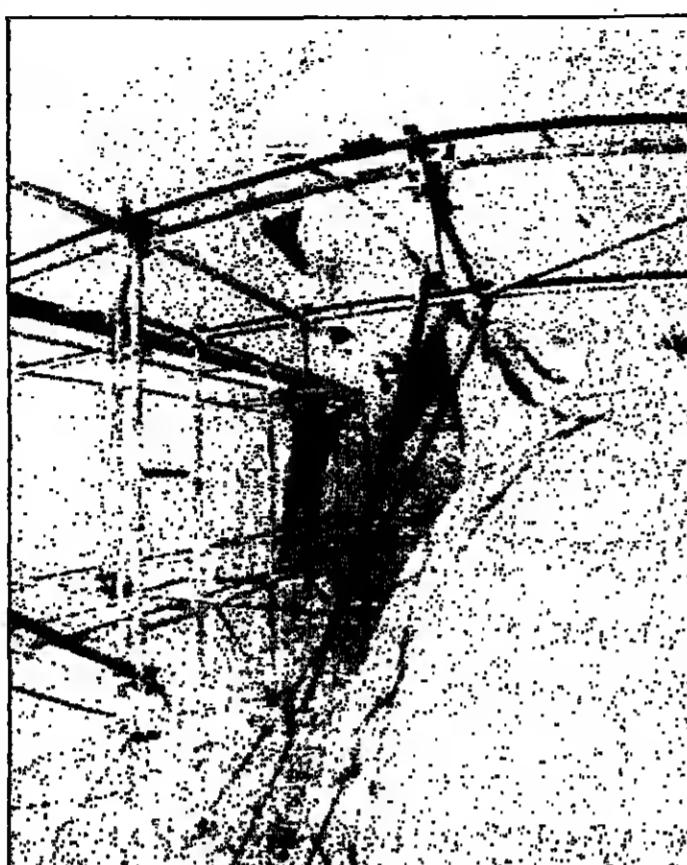
However, McCreight cautioned: "We have not established these negotiations were directed or controlled by Pablo Escobar."

Doctor, morgue attendants held

CARACAS, May 8. (AP): Anophthalmologists and 11 morgue attendants were arrested during the weekend, accused of stealing eyes for cornea transplants from bodies taken to the city morgue, police said yesterday.

Juan Gerardo Schulz, a 37-year-old physician, was arrested Saturday night, and technical judicial police (PTJ) are now questioning other medical staff from his eye clinic in Maracay, 62 miles (100 kilometres) west of Caracas, commissioner Alexis Bolivar said.

Also arrested were 11 morgue attendants, including one man who previously worked for the Eye Bank, a non-profit organisation that helps cornea transplant patients.



A workman restores the 40-metre high Christ statue at the Corcovado Mountain near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Monday. In February two private enterprises signed an agreement to spend \$2 million to restore the monument by its 59th anniversary in October. (Reuter wirephoto)

Convictions now doubtful

Slaying of Jesuits

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, May 8. (AP): A weak prosecution case and missing evidence make convictions of nine military men unlikely in the November slayings of six Jesuit priests and two women, a court source said yesterday.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the US House of Representatives has approved a proposal cutting off military aid to El Salvador, now worth about \$85 million a year, if the Central American country fails to pursue actively its investigation of the deaths of the priests.

"I emphatically reject any connection of myself or the high command in this case," Zepeda told reporters, in an effort to refute implications of a recent "60-minutes" show broadcast on American CBS television, which Zepeda said unfairly implicated him in the murders.

Salvadorean President Alfredo Cristiani said today there were no obstacles to an official probe into the killings of six Jesuit priests last November, although evidence in the case has disappeared and key witnesses are currently unable to testify.

All these problems raised obstacles to the court's effort to

Farewell to arms

Contras begin turning in

MANAGUA, May 8. (Reuter): About 100 Contra rebels were due to hand over their weapons to United Nations soldiers in a Nicaraguan village today in a ceremony President Violeta Chamorro says will bring a ceasefire to arms after eight years of war.

"I believe that with the resistance's acceptance of this firm disarmament agreement we have entered an irreversible peace process," Chamorro said in a statement yesterday.

"This means a farewell to arms, the triumph of peace over violence."

The first group of rebels in Nicaragua were due to turn in their weapons in the village of El Almendro about 140 miles (230 km) southeast of Managua.

Chamorro's National Opposition Union alliance said yesterday it will submit 17 constitutional reforms to the new National Assembly, including limits on presidential powers.

Israel offers documents to prove arms not destined for Colombia

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8. (AP): Israel presented documents today as proof that Israeli-made weapons which wound up in the hands of a Colombian drug boss were sent to Antigua at the request of officials from the Colombian nation.

The file of 14 documents were handed over to a visiting Antiguan delegation and some were shown to foreign reporters by Israeli officials.

They included an end-user certificate signed by Antigua's top defence official, Vere Bird Jr., assuring Israel that the arms were for the exclusive use of the security forces in the Caribbean island nation.

In March 1989, Israel's Defence Ministry said 400 Galil assault rifles and 100 mini-Uzi sub-machine-guns were

shipped to Antigua and reached their destination.

The Haaretz newspaper said the value of the arms deal was about \$220,000.

Israeli officials said they didn't know how the weapons ended up on the ranch of Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, a drug lord who was killed in a shootout with Colombian police last December. About 200 of the Galil guns were confiscated.

The Antiguan delegation, headed by Patrick Lewis, and Antiguan diplomat at the United Nations, arrived last night to investigate the affair. He was accompanied by three US lawyers. They met today with Foreign Ministry officials, including the head of the Latin American desk.

"Israel asked the Antiguan delegation how and why a

USSR, Cuba must co-ordinate steps

MOSCOW, May 8. (UPI): Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, in a message to his Cuban counterpart today, signalled Moscow's dissatisfaction with the fellow communist nation's continued resistance to reform.

Shevardnadze and Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca exchanged greetings on the 30th anniversary of the May 8, 1960, resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, 16 months after Cuban President Fidel Castro seized power following a long guerrilla campaign.

"The Soviet Union values the steady bilateral political

dialogue enabling both countries to compare approaches, co-ordinate steps and map directions of joint activity with regard to the key issues of international politics," Shevardnadze said in his message.

"The Soviet side is fully determined to develop this dialogue and perfect our political cooperation," he told Malmierca.

Despite the message's friendly tone, its reference to the need to co-ordinate steps and perfect political co-operation were clear indications of the differences that have emerged between the two nations.

Castro has adamantly rejected Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" drive to renew communism, saying greater freedom of expression, movement toward a more market-oriented economy and other changes are not applicable in his Caribbean nation.

Malmierca in his message to Shevardnadze called the Soviet Union "the great country of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin" in an allusion to its orthodox communist roots.

Castro said in a speech last December that Cuba would defend socialism "to the last drop of blood," and he lectured Gorbachev on conventional communism during the Soviet

leader's visit to Havana earlier in the year.

Moscow has continued to give Cuba more than \$5 billion a year, half its aid total to all Third World countries, but trade between the two nations declined last year and the Kremlin wants the exchange to become more balanced with an increase of Cuban exports to the Soviet Union.

Cuba yesterday accused the US air force of practising a simulated air strike against the island during weekend US military manoeuvres in the Caribbean.

But a US official in Havana, without addressing the specific

accusation, repeated a US government statement that three American military exercises being held in the Atlantic and the Caribbean were routine, unrelated and not aimed at Cuba.

Cuba started 24-hour jamming in Havana of Radio Marti, the US Spanish-language station, transmitting from Miami, and said it would extend the jamming to the whole island.

The move was a further strengthening by Cuba of its electronic defences against incoming US television and radio broadcasts.

Havana says these broadcasts are aimed at overthrowing its communist government.

Hair sample proves: regular drug user

Barry wasn't 'coerced' or 'induced'

WASHINGTON, May 8. (UPI): Tests on a hair sample taken from Mayor Marion Barry the night he was arrested on drug charges show that he was not coerced to smoke crack cocaine in a downtown hotel, a federal prosecutor said.

In documents filed yesterday in US district court, US attorney Jay Stephens said the forensic tests show Barry had used cocaine "repeatedly" in the past weeks before he was arrested Jan 18, and said at least a dozen witnesses will testify to that in the Mayor's drug possession and perjury trial next month.

The prosecutor said Rasheeda Moore, who ack-

nowledged once having a "close, personal relationship" with the mayor, lured Barry to the Vista International Hotel, where they smoked crack. Barry was then arrested by FBI agents in the hotel room.

The mayor's lawyer, R. Kenneth Mundt, has since argued that Barry was under the influence of alcohol when he agreed to take the drug, something he would not have done had he been in full control of his faculties.

Stephens said the tests performed on Barry's hair show he had not been "coerced" or "induced" by Moore to smoke crack in the hotel room, and that

an FBI surveillance tape of Barry and Moore that night show they "talked about their previous cocaine use."

In addition, the US attorney said, the government has at least a dozen witnesses who will testify at Barry's trial, scheduled to begin June 4, that they either used drugs with Barry, received drugs from him or provided drugs to him in the districts of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

The witnesses also will testify that Barry was a regular cocaine user since 1984 and that he "frequently" smoked crack cocaine beginning in 1987, the prosecutor said.



Greetings from Pope

Pope John Paul II acknowledges hundreds of thousands of Mexican faithful shortly before celebrating mass in Chalco, near Mexico City on Monday. He is on

the 2nd day of an 8-day visit to Mexico (Reuter wirephoto)

'Shun fundamentalist sects'

Pope John Paul preaches in Mexico

VERACRUZ, Mexico, May 8. (Reuter): Pope John Paul II yesterday urged Catholics not to be seduced by Protestant fundamentalist sects, who have been making significant inroads in Latin America in recent years.

Speaking in this port city on the Gulf of Mexico, the Pope said Latin American Catholics should beware the "proselytising activity of the sects" and see to it that "the ambiguity and confusion they sow is slowed down."

He said Catholics should do this by turning to the traditional tenets of their faith — popular devotions to patron saints, intensified religious education and greater participation in the sacraments.

It was the Pope's second reference yesterday to Protestant sects. Earlier he told residents of a slum outside Mexico City to beware of "false shepherds" and "sects and groups who seek to lure you from the true flock."

The Roman Catholic church in Latin

America has been increasingly worried by the significant advance of the fundamentalist Evangelical sects, which have been luring Catholics away in growing numbers.

At their general assembly last year, Mexican bishops expressed concern about the growing activity of some three hundred Evangelical church sets who operate in Latin America. Many of them are based in the United States.

Increased activity by Evangelicals in the past 20 years has speeded up the traditionally low rate of conversions of Catholics to Protestantism throughout Latin America, but especially in Central America and Mexico.

Evangelical groups, some of which use television to increase their membership and raise funds, have appealed to various classes of Latin American society.

Most have tried to convert the poor. But others have appealed to middle class Latin Americans who do not agree with the

Vatican's bans on artificial birth control and divorce or who want a more outwardly emotional religious experience.

A 1986 Vatican report on the problem said the sects appeared to offer simple answers to complicated questions, more human warmth and support in small groups and strong charismatic leadership.

In 1985 the Vatican sent out a questionnaire to Latin American bishops, seeking to find out which religious aspirations were unanswered by Catholicism and why some of the faithful were seeking the answers elsewhere.

Some Catholic bishops have suggested that the spread of Protestantism in Latin America is part of a larger political design by some sectors of US society to weaken the Roman Catholic church's influence in the continent.

Some Evangelical churches based in the southwestern United States broadcast Spanish-language religious television and radio programmes to Latin America.



Save the Amazon

LIMA, May 8. (Reuter): Amazon Indians from five countries will meet ecologists this week to try to persuade them that the native people are as much a part of the jungle as trees and animals.

The Indians are resentful that ecologists around the world, despite good intentions, have ignored them in campaigns to save the Amazon from disappearing at the hands of ranchers and developers.

"We are part of nature, but the ecologists have always shunted us aside. Until now, they have never let us become politically involved in the effort to save the Amazon," said Evaristo Nukus, a member of Peru's Aymaran tribe.

Nukus and 30 other Indian leaders from Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia and Ecuador will meet environmental leaders from around the world from Wednesday to Friday to hammer out an agreement which the Indians hope will take their interests into account.

"The time is ripe for an accord because the basic of the matter is that the Amazon is our home," said Nukus, president of a regional coalition known as the Coordinating Body for the Indigenous People's Organisations of the Amazon Basin (Cofe). "DUS INDUSTRIAL

Foreign officials arrive in San Jose

Calderon's inauguration

Chamorro's arrival today would mark her first trip out of her government in both bordering nations — Panama and Nicaragua — the transfer of power in Costa Rica comes amid peace and relative prosperity.

The government of El Salvador would like the Costa Rican government to continue its role of promoting peace in the region, — Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani said yesterday after arriving to San Jose.

Cristiani said forthcoming talks with leftist Salvadoran rebels have given him hopes of stability, and "we now can have a new hope for economic aspects in El Salvador."

"This is an age where all of Latin America is following the path toward democracy," he said. "Cuba is the exception."

Panamanian President Guillermo Endara said Costa Rica is a model for all Central America. "We want to have the same experience. Democracy to us is of the greatest importance," Endara said.

Barbara arrived last night, heading the US delegation. She delivered a personal letter to Calderon from President George Bush and said she wanted to "join all Costa Ricans in celebrating these most precious democratic activities."

Costa Rican

Cyclone moves toward India

HYDERABAD. May 8. (UPI): Relief workers today evacuated more than 100,000 people from the projected path of a hurricane that was gaining power as it swept across the Bay of Bengal toward low-lying coastal areas of southern Andhra Pradesh state, officials said.

Heavy rains and winds moving ahead of the hurricane pounded coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh and the neighboring state of Tamil Nadu for a second straight day, inundating vast swaths of land and disrupting normal life, officials said.

Army and naval personnel were placed on alert in both states, even though the threat appeared to have receded in Tamil Nadu, they said.

They said relief workers moved to limit casualties, evacuating more than 100,000 people from low-lying coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh that were expected to bear the brunt of the storm.

The evacuees were settled in more than 350 relief camps pitched on high ground.

Officials said that three people were electrocuted late yesterday in the Tamil Nadu state capital of Madras, where several business districts were submerged in waist-deep water.

The hurricane spawned by a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal had originally appeared headed toward Madras, but veered in a northwestern direction and lay centred about 110 miles (180 km) east the Andhra Pradesh rice-growing centre of Nellore.

Weather officials said that an analysis of data indicated the hurricane, packing winds of about 125 miles (200 kmph), was expected to make landfall late today between Nellore and Machilipatnam, about 200 miles (350 km) southeast of the state capital of Hyderabad.

The officials said the hurricane was gaining in strength and developing dangerously, posing the most serious natural threat to coastal areas since a 1977 storm that left thousands dead.

The Andhra Pradesh government ordered the hoisting of the maximum danger signal for marine craft at the port towns of Kakinada, Machilipatnam, Nizampatnam and Krishnapatnam, the Press Trust of India said.

Colombo steps up security for MPS

COLOMBO. May 8. (Kum): The Sri Lankan government today decided to increase the security given to Tamil members of parliament (MPs) resident in Colombo and tighten security for them, according to a high-ranking security official.

The decision came following the killing yesterday of a Tamil Member of Parliament, Sam Tambimuttu, from the eastern province by unknown gunmen.

Meanwhile, a crack team of detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department and the army intelligence was put on the trail of the killers of Tambimuttu, the official said.

The team this morning visited the scene of the crime and questioned several persons who had witnessed the killing which took place in broad daylight.

Yousuganari. Member of Parliament representing the Felam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front said today the government should take responsibility for the killing of Tambimuttu.

Taipei a city of lust'

Girlie restaurants, bars everywhere

TAIPEI. May 8. (AP): A visitor to Taipei could be excused for thinking its men are the best groomed in the world — hundreds upon hundreds of gaudy, neon-lit barber shops line the city's streets.

But customers can slip through the front doors are not looking for a trim and a shave. The barber shops offer sex, and are just one part of a prostitution industry that is flourishing along with the rest of Taiwan's economy.

"Taipei is cheap and lusty," says councilman Yen Chin-Fu. "Girlie restaurants and bars are everywhere, even in residential and school areas. Some are next to police stations."

Several feminist groups are trying to fight back, but so far have had little success.

"As our society gets richer, it is also getting more corrupt," said Chen Yi-Cben of the women rescue foundation.

A decade ago, prostitution in Taipei was largely centred in the suburb of Peitou, known for its hot springs and hostesses who sing melancholy folk songs at hotels and restaurants.

But as the economy grew dramatically in the 1980s, so did the sex industry. Yen estimates Taipei has more than 5,000 restaurants, bars and other establishments selling sex.

Procuring women for clients has become part of the local business culture and helps account for the success of such restaurants as "Flower of Flowers," a vast expanse of 100 intimate dining rooms serviced by 250 hostesses who sing and flirt with customers and often accompany them off premises.

The barbershops, with fancy exteriors that can resemble a Chinese palace, an Egyptian pyramid or a coconut-lined beach in Hawaii, feature masseuses wearing the traditional Chinese qipao, a dress known for its tight fit and high slits. Their many skills do not include the handling of



Raided and bombed

More than 20 students from Seoul universities raided the Seoul headquarters of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP) on Monday, occupying the building for about 10 minutes. The students threw petrol bombs from inside the building, smashed windows with sticks and shouted "Down with the DLP" and "Overthrow Roh Tae-woo," before they were overpowered by South Korean riot police. (Reuter wirephoto)

Help to prevent chaos

Roh calls on Koreans

SEOUL. May 8. (AP): President Roh Tae-woo asked South Koreans yesterday to help prevent the nation from slipping into "chaos," but dissidents and radical students stepped up anti-government protests.

Radical students armed with firebombs, steel pipes and rocks battled riot police or attacked ruling party offices in Seoul and several other cities. Dissidents vowed to hold anti-Roh rallies this week across the nation.

Even as Roh spoke in a nationally televised address, 21 students armed with firebombs and iron pipes charged into the headquarters of Roh's Liberal Democratic Party and seized a third-floor office.

Riot police overpowered the protesters with clubs and tear gas about 10 minutes later. Witnesses said five protesters and policemen were injured. Offset windows, mirrors and the windshields of three cars were smashed and a guard post was partly burned.

Radical students long have demanded that Roh resign,

contending his government is a puppet of the US government.

The protesters also scattered leaflets demanding the ouster of US Ambassador Donald Gregg. The leaflets accused Gregg of devising this year's merger of South Korea's governing party with two conservative opposition groups to serve US interests.

About 2,500 students fought police with firebombs and rocks outside campuses in four provincial cities and two small towns outside Seoul, said Yonhap, the South Korean news agency.

Yonhap said radical students firebombed ruling party offices in two other cities — Taegu and Wonju. There was minor damage but no injuries or arrests were reported. It said.

But dissident groups called for protests tomorrow in 17 cities aimed at forcing the governing party to disband.

Khmer Rouge gather support

Despite killings record

SREVE LA OH. Cambodia, May 8. (AP): Convoys of Khmer Rouge trucks filled with the recent rice harvest move freely through this rural village in northwest Cambodia, and young guerrilla fighters flirt with related villagers.

"We are very happy to be back in our country," said Khmer Rouge division commander Mit Soe over coconut juice as Cambodian government artillery rumbled in the distance.

Although human rights groups have described strict regimentation and brutality in Khmer Rouge-controlled areas over the past decade, the guerrillas seem to have abandoned their harshest practices — at least temporarily.

Analysts are quick to point out that most Cambodians still loathe the Khmer Rouge and note that Pol Pot, Khieu Samphan and other leaders who presided over the 1975-78 reign of terror are still in charge. There is fear that if the Khmer Rouge were to return to power, their murderous ways would simply resurface.

But despite the widely held perception that they continue to be universally despised, the Khmer Rouge maintain significant and increasing support in the long-neglected, poor villages of this ravaged country.

Since the announced pullout of Vietnamese troops in September, the Khmer Rouge have seized hundreds of villages in the north, west and southwest of the country.

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China rebels still at large

BEIJING. May 8. (IAP): Some Muslims in far western China who waged a brief "holy war" against Chinese rule in which 22 people died last month are still at large, a local newspaper has reported.

Those criminals who assume they have been lucky and attempt to get by without being detected better understand that only by confessing will they receive... lenient disposal," said Anandan Niyyaz, deputy secretary of the Communist Party committee in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

The official Xinjiang daily newspaper's May 2 edition, seen in Beijing today, said he warned those who "choose to resist to the very end" that "what awaits them can only be their own destruction."

Anandan was speaking at a mass meeting in Baren township, Akto county, in western Xinjiang, where Muslims clashed with Chinese security forces on April 5. Fifteen protesters, an Uygur official and six policemen were killed and 19 police officers wounded, official reports said.

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Estonia drops 'Soviet Socialist'

Baltic republic takes another measured step toward independence

TALLINN, USSR, May 8. (UPI): Estonia dropped the words "Soviet Socialist" from its name today and adopted its old tricolor national flag in place of the red banner of socialism as the tiny Baltic republic took another measured step toward independence.

The Estonian parliament, without formally declaring independence, reinstated several paragraphs from its 1938 constitution, including an opening proclamation that Estonia is "an independent republic, and the supreme state power vested in the people."

Nationalist parliamentarians regard the move as another step in a phased march toward independence and not in itself a formal break with Moscow.

A small crowd gathered in the Cobblestone Square to see what would follow. But there was no immediate attempt to cover the giant hammer and sickle crest that has adorned the front of the building since Estonia was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union a half century ago.

Estonia, which in November 1988 became the first of the 15 Soviet republics to proclaim its sovereignty from Moscow, has taken repeated steps in recent months to establish a separate identity without provoking a confrontation with President Mikhail Gorbachev over the issue of independence.

Lithuania, which declared independence on March 11, is now the target of an economic blockade in which the Kremlin has cut the flow of oil, natural gas and other critical supplies.

The third Baltic republic, Latvia, declared independence on May 4, and is now waiting to see whether Gorbachev will impose sanctions similar to those he imposed on Lithuania.

President Gorbachev accused nationalists in the Soviet Union of using "the atmosphere of democracy, glasnost and freedom" to pursue "their futile, ambitious plans" for independence from Moscow.

Gorbachev, speaking Monday to a gathering of veterans in the Kremlin during celebrations marking the end of World War II, said those intent of seceding from the Soviet Union are pushing an "irresponsible policy leading to a deadlock."

The account of Gorbachev's speech reported by the official Tass news agency failed to mention any particular secessionist group.

An appeal printed on the front page of the republic's Communist Party newspaper said pro-independence leaders "did not consider it necessary to ask the people: Do they want a return to unemployment, lawlessness and oppression? Do they want hunger, cold and bankruptcy as in neighbouring Lithuania?"

Meanwhile, Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimieras Prunskienė arrived in Britain today to ask for help from her counterpart Margaret Thatcher, in gaining independence from Moscow for her homeland.

No-Latvians make up 46 percent of the population and most of the urban working class in the republic, whose leaders declared independence on May 4 but have not asked for an immediate break with Moscow.

Latvia's newly-elected prime minister said the sister Baltic republics of Lithuania and Estonia must close ranks with it in their struggle for independence from Moscow.

The premier, economist Ivars Godmanis, was clearly referring to the possibility that the Kremlin would order economic blockades similar to the one imposed on Lithuania, which declared independence on March 11.

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Godmanis pictured during a parliamentary session in Riga May 7. (Reuter wirephoto)

The parliament also declared that the step, in large part symbolic, was intended as a show of solidarity with the sister Baltic republics of Lithuania and Latvia, which have declared full independence.

The vote today was 73 in favour, 14 against and two abstentions. Eight other members present didn't vote, and eight others were absent. The measure passed with three votes more than the required two-thirds majority of the legislature's total membership.

Minutes after the vote was taken in the Estonian Supreme Soviet, or parliament, the red flag with its hammer and sickle was lowered from the roof of the ancient parliament building. The flag used by Estonia when it was independent — with cornflower blue, black and white stripes — went up in its place.

Kohl rejects Soviet plan

BONN, May 8. (Reuters): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl today rejected a Soviet suggestion that Bonn could rapidly unite with East Germany and then sort out the tricky problem of military allegiance later.

Kohl said the idea that solutions to the external problems of unity — such as a united Germany's membership of Nato — could be put off on ice did not correspond at all to his views.

"It would be fatal," he told reporters.

Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze said on Saturday a solution to the controversial issue of whether a united Germany could belong to Nato could be put off for a few years, allowing the two states to merge beforehand.

Kohl said his government wanted to stick to its timetable, which meant the external aspects of unification, such as membership of the Western alliance Nato, should be sorted out by the autumn.

East and West Germany, along with the three Western wartime allies — the United States, France and Britain — support full Nato membership but with the concession to Moscow that no Nato troops would enter former East German territory.

The Soviet Union, the fourth of the World War II victors taking part in talks with East and West Germany on security aspects of unification, rejects this and has suggested neutrality, non-alignment or dual membership of Nato and the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact as alternatives.

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27m Soviets died in World War Two: Warsaw Pact

MOSCOW, May 8. (Reuters): The commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact said yesterday that the Soviet Union lost at least 27 million people in World War Two, seven million more than what for years was the official death toll.

General Pyotr Lushov, who is also a first deputy defence minister, said in an interview with the official Tass news agency: "In 1946, Stalin said seven million Soviet citizens died... Khrushchev made public data listing losses at 20 million."

He added: "Today, after serious analysis, we know that the Soviet Union lost 27-28 million people during the war."

These included more than eight million who had been killed in combat or did not return from captivity, Lushov said.

He said former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev's estimate of 20 million dead was based on "questionable estimates."

"For years, the true scope of the Soviet Union's losses was concealed or distorted," Lushov said in comments apparently timed to coincide with celebrations marking tomorrow's 45th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

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Romania probes arms sales

BUCHAREST, May 8. (UPI): Romania's chief prosecutor said yesterday investigators have uncovered evidence substantiating reports that the former communist regime sold advanced Soviet military technology to the United States.

General prosecutor George Robu refused to elaborate on the evidence or how it came to light, but said his office was "well aware" of the plot.

"We are at the very beginning of the investigation," Robu told United Press International. "We are under no illusions. We have lots of problems gathering the evidence. But we'll leave no stone unturned."

A report published Sunday in the Washington Post said the US government paid communist officials \$40 million over two years for advanced Soviet military technology, including radar systems that aided US development of the Stealth Bomber.

The Post, quoting intelligence sources in Washington and abroad, said US officials worked directly with two brothers of Ceausescu.

Norway opens environment conference: Norway's former prime minister Gro Harlem Brundtland opened an international conference on Tuesday by urging governments to act firmly to protect the environment.

"The pace of deforestation, soil erosion and loss of species is accelerating. We already know enough to start to act — and act more forcefully," said Brundtland, who chaired the UN World Commission on Environment and Development which produced the 1987 Brundtland Report.

Environmentalists expressed disappointment with a draft ministerial declaration, which stops short of any legally binding commitments (Reuter).

Bass family donates \$20 million: The Bass family of Fort Worth, Texas, has donated \$20 million to Yale University to study the environment and says its largest won't end there.

The gift will establish the Yale Institute of Biospheric Studies, which will take an interdisciplinary approach to studying the biosphere. That is the zone of the Earth, from crust to atmosphere, that contains living organisms.

The donation is the biggest Yale has received since Paul Mellon, a 1929 graduate, contributed more than \$12 million in 1966-67 to construct the Yale Center for British Art and an art collection worth an estimated \$35 million (AP).

Wayne kin's attacker convicted: Jurors have convicted a man of eight felonies, including assault with a deadly weapon, in an attack on the daughter of the late John Wayne and her boyfriend.

Jerrell Hintergard, 36, who made a surprise confession in court last week, faces sentencing June 8. He was convicted Monday in Santa Ana, California.

The prosecution alleged that Hintergard and private investigator Odie Daniel Gil were hired by actress Wayne's former husband, Dr. Thomas Givens, to attack her and boyfriend Roger Luly in October 1988.

Givens allegedly arranged the beatings at Luly's Newport beach home because of a custody dispute with Ms Wayne over their daughter, Anastasia, then 2 years old. (AP)

'Brief case' turns bomb squad red: Members of the city's bomb squad were somewhat red-faced when they sent a robot to check out the contents of a suspicious-looking suitcase in the heart of Montreal's red-light district.

The case was full of ladies' lingerie. The whole operation was carried out at mid-morning Monday before hundreds of amused onlookers near the corner of Rue St Laurent and St Catherine street. (AP)

Suspected Mafia boss shot dead: Gunmen shot dead a 67-year-old suspected Mafia boss and drug trafficker on Tuesday in a fruit and vegetable store in western Sicily.

Policeman Salvatore L'Alba who lost his left eye in an attempt on his life in 1990 was shot repeatedly by at least two men in the town of Campobello. (Reuter)

Looks like Nazi camp victim: The father of a 20-year-old Italian held by kidnappers for 27 months said his son looked like a Nazi labour camp victim after his release.

Carlo Celadon enjoyed his first day at home with his family on Monday after spending much of his captivity in a damp hole infested by rats and snakes in the bleak Aspromonte mountains of southern Calabria.

Candido Celadon said his first sight of his son reminded him of an uncle who appeared on his doorstep starved at the end of World War Two after several years in a German labour camp. (Reuter)

US concedes health problems: US Secretary of Health Louis W. Sullivan, in a frank statement to the World Health Organisation (WHO) annual assembly Tuesday, said poor and minority Americans have serious health problems.

Sullivan said that health continues to improve for the US population as a whole with longevity increasing and infant mortality declining.

"However, we realise that our efforts are far from complete," he said. "We are working to reduce the high cost of health care and to provide affordable access to care for all of our citizens."

"Currently, in the United States, health care costs our citizens well over \$600 billion a year. But 31 million Americans do not have proper health care coverage." (UPI)

Smoke alarms mandatory: The mandatory use of smoke alarms could save hundreds of lives in the UK and prevent thousands of injuries caused by fires in the home, a new report claimed Tuesday.

The report, by the UK's National Housing and Town Planning Council urged the government to follow the example of the United States, where legislation during the 1980s led to the widespread installation of smoke alarms.

As a result, the number of deaths from house fires in America was almost halved, making smoke alarms "the fire safety success story of the decade," the council said. (Kuna)

WHO chief warns

10 m carry Aids

GENEVA, May 8. (Reuters): The head of the World Health Organisation said today five to 10 million people were infected with the Aids virus, but many more would die from preventable diseases such as malaria.

WHO Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima, a 61-year-old Japanese who has headed the world body for the past two years, painted a gloomy picture of what was in store for the world on virtually all health fronts.

"Unless current trends are arrested, some 200 million people may die prematurely in the 1990s from preventable causes alone," he told delegates from 167 nations attending an annual meeting of the UN agency.

Nakajima said that unless there was a marked change in smoking patterns 500 million people living today would die this decade of diseases related to smoking.

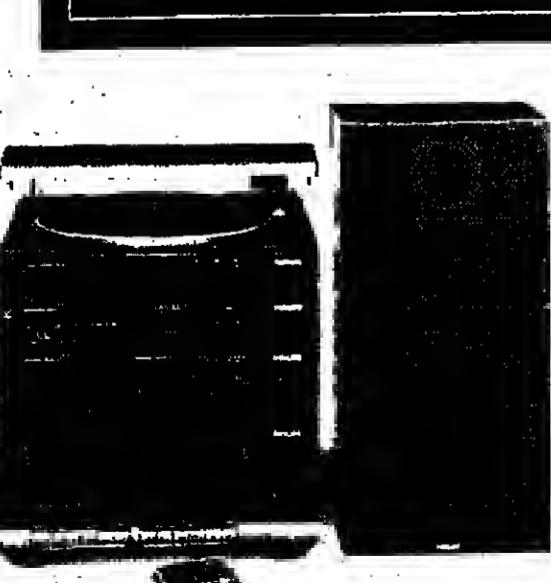
Diarrhoeal diseases could take the lives of 40 million children in the next decade while acute respiratory ailments would account for a similar number of child deaths.

Some 30 million people, mostly in developing countries, would die of tuberculosis in the next decade. Malaria, which was creeping back into areas where it had been eliminated, would kill between 10 and 20 million people.

World-wide, the biggest killer was cardiovascular disease with 12 million deaths annually. Cancer caused 4.8 million.

On Aids, Nakajima said: "Half of those (Aids virus carriers) will develop Aids within 10 years and most will die."

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World News Roundup

America

Overseas press awards: A reporter and two photographers for the Associated Press have been cited by the overseas press club for outstanding coverage of news in Romania, China and Iran.

The club, at its annual banquet Monday night, also observed a minute's silence and announced it was sending cables of protest to the 18 nations where 76 journalists are imprisoned.

Among the awards:

■ HAL Boyle award for newspaper or news service reporting: Rosenblum, Kristof and Wudunn.

■ Bob Considine award for newspaper or news service interpretation: Jackson Dicht of the Washington Post, articles on Eastern Europe, with a citation to Claudia Rosett of the Wall Street Journal, on China.

■ Robert Capa gold medal for photo reporting or interpretation requiring exceptional courage or originality: Michael Orenstein, Widener and Christopher Morris of Black Star for Time magazine, for photos from Panama.

■ Oliver Rebbot award for photo reporting: Peter Turnley, Newsweek, for the fall of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

■ Cornelius Ryan award for best book: Thomas L. Friedman for "From Beirut to Jerusalem."

US probes Nazi-hunters: The US Justice department has begun a probe of alleged misconduct by the department's chief Nazis-hunters, the Washington Post reported on Tuesday.

The newspaper said two members of the House of Representatives had been told of the investigation, "a sign that the controversy over US handling of accused war criminals may continue long after all the principal suspects are dead."

It said the department's office of professional responsibility wrote to William Dannermeier and David Dreier, Republican Congressmen for the State of California. (Reuter)

Facts show Reagan lied: A prosecutor's remark at John Poindexter's trial that then-President Ronald Reagan lied about trading arms for US hostages was fully supported by the facts, Iran-Contra prosecutors said Monday.

Dan R. Webb's remark in closing arguments was defended in court papers filed by prosecutors in response to defense motions to set aside the former national security adviser's five felony convictions. (AP)

Money for refugee programme: The number of refugees has increased dramatically over the last five years, but a state department official said Monday that many may be able to go home in 1990s.

However, Princeton Lyman, director of refugee programmes, said it will take a lot of money to resettle displaced people around the globe.

Lyman told a Senate committee that the department wants \$475 million in fiscal 1991 to help refugees. (AP)

Refugee problem getting worse: The world refugee problem is getting worse, especially in Africa and Afghanistan, the US State Department's co-ordinator for refugee affairs said at a Senate hearing on Monday.

"The world refugee situation has worsened," Jewel LaFonata told a Senate appropriations subcommittee. "In the last decade, the refugee population has grown from 7.5 million to 15 million."

"I recently returned from a four-week visit to refugee camps and settlements in Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Kenya. I found scared, hungry, sick people, sometimes naked, trying to find a place to put their heads," she said. (Reuter)

Call to fire 'racist' columnist: Tough-talking New York columnist Jimmy Breslin is under fire from fellow journalists for making racist and sexist remarks in the newsmag.

The Asian-American Journalists Association, upset over Breslin's denigration of a Korean-American reporter last week, has asked New York Newsday to fire the veteran journalist.

"We don't need someone like Breslin, who claims to speak for the man on the street, throwing sexual and racial insults around," Helen Zia, head of the 750-strong group, said on Monday. "We're asking for him to be fired. He's compromised and abused his responsibility." (AP)

On top of Mt. Everest: The scaling of Mount Everest by six climbers from the United States, China and the Soviet Union is testament to what can be accomplished through international co-operation and friendship, expedition leaders said Tuesday.

"I think the best word is eustatic. Everybody here has got huge plans on their faces and we've very happy. It is really a great accomplishment," said Wayne Thompson, deputy leader of the expedition. (AP)

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Dialogue between Iliescu and protesters breaks down

BUCHAREST, May 8 (AP): Anti-Communist protesters stormed out of a meeting with interim President Ion Iliescu today, dashing government hopes of ending a marathon demonstration seeking Iliescu's resignation.

The abortive meeting ended minutes after it began, when the government delegation refused to permit videotaping of the meeting and the protesters delegation turned down a counteroffer of a stenographer to take minutes.



Asia

Americans held in Vietnam: A Hong Kong-based American publisher and another US citizen have been arrested by Vietnamese authorities and are being held in Ho Chi Minh City, friends said Tuesday.

Official Vietnam media has made no mention of the arrests. Friends of publisher Michael Morrow, who said they have been in touch with Vietnamese authorities, said the two Americans were being held on unspecified charges.

Morrow's colleagues spoke on condition of anonymity.

Friends of Morrow said he and an unidentified American are on trip to look into possible investments in Vietnam when they were arrested.

A third person, French businessman Terry Rodenck, was also reportedly arrested but subsequently released and allowed to leave the country. (AP)

Anti-Li poster: Chinese police on Tuesday hurriedly covered up a poster on a Beijing street-corner attacking hardline Premier Li Peng and President Yang Shangkun in a brief show of political discontent, witnesses said.

They said the crudely written "big-character" poster was tacked up on a public bulletin board near the Beijing Normal University until police moved in and placed a seal over it.

The unsigned poster, dated May 7, praised Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin, the People's Liberation Army and the Chinese people but it added: "Down with Li Peng, Yang Shangkun and the government."

A witness told Reuters: "There was a big crowd of people watching as about 10 policemen came by and covered up the poster with a red seal." (Reuters)

Tibet travel rules tightened: Chinese authorities in Tibet announced strict new controls Monday on foreign travel to the region, with each traveller required to submit an application in advance to local authorities.

The new rules apply even to ordinary tourists, making it unlikely that tourism will revive to the levels before March 1988, when martial law was imposed to end pre-independence rioting. Martial law was lifted only last week.

The official Xinhua news agency quoted in Tang Zhengqi, deputy secretary-general of the regional government, as saying the controls were imposed because Tibet has limited capacity to accommodate foreign travellers.

Authorities clearly were concerned about contact between foreigners and Tibetans who for three years have demonstrated for independence. (AP)

Foetus survives abortion: A woman pregnant with twins gave birth to a healthy girl after doctors aborted the other foetus she was carrying, the Medical Journal of Australia reported this week.

An article in the journal's May issue said doctors in Adelaide aborted the foetus, a male, after they found it had thalasssemia — a rare genetic disorder that usually leaves children handicapped and kills before maturity.

In an editorial, the journal warned that selective termination is a thorny issue that had "a sinister ring to it, with perhaps even connotations of eugenics (manipulating offspring to create superior humans)." (Reuters)

Bump on head helps sumo: A self-inflicted blow to the head took Shubei Nagao into the ranks of Japan's mighty sumo wrestlers on Tuesday, two months after he was turned down for being too short.

The former university wrestler stood only 170 cm (just under five feet, 11 inches) at the Japan Sumo Association's last pre-tournament physical in March, three cm (one and a quarter inches) below the minimum height. (Reuters)

Latin America

Guatemala suspend DC-6 flights: Guatemala temporarily suspended DC-6 flights on Monday after a plane crash on Saturday that killed 23 people and seriously injured 10, authorities said.

Local newspapers reported five people were still missing although rescue teams evacuated the accident scene on Sunday. Authorities had originally said 18 people, including 13 on the ground, were killed when the cargo plane crashed into a crowded residential area.

The DC-6 plane, carrying clothing and vegetables in addition to the crew, splattered and eventually nosedived into a two-storey home. (Reuters)

Quake shakes Panama: A strong earthquake shook the Pacific Coast of Panama on Monday night, the university of Panama's seismology institute said.

No damage or injuries were reported in the quake that occurred at 7:02 pm (18:02 pm EOT). The seismic institute registered the quake at 6.1 on the Richter scale.

"It happened between the Cocolo and Naica states, toward Costa Rica, in the south of Panama," said Jaime Toral of the seismic institute. (AP)

Aylwin admits problems: The defence minister acknowledged Monday that the new Chilean government is having problems with the military, which is upset over plans to investigate human rights abuse.

"The road of reconciliation between civilians and military that we are seeking is having difficulties," Defence Minister Patricio Rojas told reporters. "We are overcoming those problems without abandoning our main objective." (AP)

Llosa, Fujimori woo poor: Novelist Mario Vargas Llosa and agronomist Alberto Fujimori took their campaigns for Peru's presidency to Lima shantytowns as option route. Monday showed Fujimori losing his lead a month before the voting.

Fujimori, in blue jeans and short sleeves, spent the weekend barreling Lima's poorest shantytown, where millions of people live in mud-brick shacks amid open sewers and piles of garbage.

"The humble people, the people who work for a living like you all, will be the ones who decide this election," Fujimori, who defines himself as a pro-business centrist, told cheering supporters in the Bayovar shantytown on Sunday night. (Reuters)

Saharan highway project revived: Four countries in Northwest Africa have revived plans to complete a trans-Saharan highway running from Algiers to Lagos in Nigeria.

Representatives of Algeria, Tunisia, Niger and Mali met in Tunis at the weekend and agreed to ask the Islamic Development Bank to seek funds for the incomplete sections of the 5,501-km (3,400-mile) highway.

Nigeria, traditionally a member of the trans-Saharan highway liaison committee, did not take part.

The project, originally launched in 1962, lost momentum in the 1980s and 1,423 km (884 miles) of the route has never been completed.



Africa

Hostages freed: Somalis on Tuesday named the two Europeans aboard a light aircraft hijacked to Somalia by 12 Lucien Roggeman, and Eros Perini, an Italian who was piloting the plane. Police seized the plane and freed the hostages. On Monday talks were underway for the plane and those on board to be returned.

Their single-engine Cessna was hijacked to the Ethiopian border town of Dolow by two Somalis while on a flight from Baidoa in southern Somalia to the capital Mogadishu.

Somali Transport Minister Ali Alston heard was a Somali national working for the same firm. (Reuters)

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Ionescu, a former Communist Party official, became a critic of former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in the early 1970s and was relegated to lesser posts because of his outspoken stance.

The demonstrators, who hate kept up a round-the-clock protest for 17 days, said they would continue until May 20, when the country goes to the polls for the first free national elec-

tions. But critics accuse them of adhering to communist ideals and seeking to reimpose totalitarian rule.

News that the talks had broken down were greeted with nervous indignation on university square. Protest speeches, which normally begin late in the day, started shortly after delegation members reported that the meeting had been aborted.

Hezbollah quashes all hopes

Plenty of diversions

Hostages play games

WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP): Terry Anderson, the longest held of the 16 Western hostages, helped fellow prisoners make scrabble and monopoly games to amuse themselves, according to a newly freed captive.

His guards are giving him and other hostages plenty of diversions, according to an account given by former hostage Frank Reed to Anderson's sister, Peggy Say.

They have a lot of things, which was encouraging to me. At least they did at the time Frank was there," Say said. These included boxes of books, writing materials and dominoes.

Although Anderson, 42, is to good physical condition from plenty of exercise, he is tired and needs dental care, Say said. She said the hostages are blindfolded and chained in line with their preference.

"Frank preferred a chain on his wrist," she said. "Terry preferred a chain on his ankle so that his arms are free to write and play cards."

The closest she and Reed were able to calculate is that the last saw Anderson was somewhere between a year and 18 months ago. Reed spent 20 months with Anderson and Thomas Sutherland in Lebanon. For a period of time, the three American hostages were together with two others, John McCarthy and Brian Keenan.

Washington exerted pressure on Israel to free Lebanese Shiites and Palestinian prisoners.

"This matter will have positive effects in achieving a breakthrough in the hostage problem," Mousawi said.

But Israel insisted again that any deal to release Western hostages held by Lebanese militants should include freedom for six missing Israeli servicemen.

Iran has hinted that Britain would get no help in freeing British hostages in Lebanon while an Iranian student was in a British jail without trial.

Most Britons believe the UK government should be prepared to negotiate with kidnappers for the release of the British hostages, according to an opinion poll published today.

misicious treatment of Muslims in England including the imprisonment without trial of the Iranian student," the Iranian news agency IRNA said yesterday.

ALGIERS, May 8. (Reuters): President Chadli Benjedid, whose government is under fire from Islamic fundamentalists, has plunged into a debate raging in Algeria over relations between Islam and politics by saying the two should not mix.

In his first public rearmament since tens of thousands of Muslim fundamentalists marched on his palace last month ahead of the first free elections in June, Chadli attacked what he called an Islam of charlatanism and demagogery.

"Islam, which is a sacred religion, should not be mixed with politics and the manoeuvres of parties so as not to diminish its value," he told Islamic scholars attending a conference on the future of Islam yesterday.

An escalating war of words pits the Fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) against Chadli's ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), the two main contestants in the June 12 local elections.

FLN officials have stepped up attacks on the FIS in recent weeks, denouncing its control of major urban mosques and portraying it as an extremist deviation from the Islam traditionally practised in Algeria.

A four-day conference organised by the London-based centre for studies on the future of Islam essentially endorsed the FLN's view of a moderate, democratic Islam, and Chadli did not hide his satisfaction.

FIS spokesman Abbas Madani, who was not invited, dismissed the conference as "drawing room Islam," Algerian radio said.

Chadli, 61, launched the country on a difficult road to multiparty democracy after October 1989 youth riots.

He has announced free elections for municipal and provincial councils on June 12 but resisted demands to dissolve Parliament, still entirely FLN and not due for re-election until 1992.

The fundamentalists, drawing on economic discontent and widespread dissatisfaction with 27 years of one-party rule, showing unprecedented boldness by marching into Chadli's front yard to demand parliamentary elections within three months.

Chadli yesterday warned the fundamentalists and other opponents to respect the rule of democracy. "Neither the Algerian people nor its system

MIDEAST

Hostages: Israel under pressure

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8, (AP): Moshe Arad, Israel's ambassador to Washington, today defended his country's hardline position on a hostage deal, saying pressure from the families of captured Israeli soldiers prevented any one-sided concessions.

"Arad's remarks on Israel radio were part of a series of statements reacting to US pressure on Israel to free Shiite Muslim prisoners to encourage further releases of Western hostages held in Lebanon," says a statement.

The office of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir issued a statement on the hostages, saying Israeli captives had to be part of any deal.

"Israel again declares its readiness to release Lebanese detainees it holds in exchange for the return of all its prisoners and those missing in action," said the statement by Shamir spokesman Avi Pazner.

Three Israeli soldiers were captured in Lebanon in 1986, and are believed held by the Iranian Hezbollah militia, which is believed to be connected to groups holding 16 Western hostages.

Arab outlined Israel's position in a meeting in Washington today with Peggy Say, the sister of US hostage Terry Anderson.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, was kidnapped in March 1985, making him the longest held of the Western hostages.

Mrs Say urged him to pressure Israel's government to free Shiites held by Israel to win the freedom of her brother.

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'Possible and natural'

Scholar says on Islam, democracy

ALGIERS, May 8, (Reuters): Leading Islamic scholars and intellectuals attending a conference on the future of Islam yesterday said multi-party democracy was not only compatible with the Muslim faith but necessary in the modern world.

"It is neither moral nor possible to demand freedom for ourselves when we are persecuted and refuse it to others when we are in position of strength," Tunisian fundamentalist leader Rachid Ghanouchi told a panel discussion.

Ghanouchi, who lives in exile, is fighting for political freedom in Tunisia where his Nahda (Renaissance) Movement is banned.

Mohamed Salim Elawar, an Egyptian jurist, said the equivalent of political parties existed in the early days of Islam. "Multi-party democracy must be recognised because reality is diverse, and the diversity of opinion is recognised."

But Sudanese fundamentalist leader Hassan Turabi, whose National Islamic Front is thought to have close ties to the ruling military junta, sounded a

somewhat discordant note.

While agreeing that Islamic multi-party democracy was "possible and natural" he warned that "liberalism" could threaten the foundations of Islam.

He attacked Western-style democracy as antagonistic to Islam, citing the case of a Muslim schoolgirl in France initially barred from wearing a veil in class.

"The attitude toward multi-party democracy varies according to the stages of creation expansion and growth of the Islamic movement," he said, suggesting it may not always be appropriate.

The four-day conference, organised by the London-based Centre for Studies on the Future of Islam, is due to end with a series of recommendations.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid received several of the participants yesterday and expressed support for their work, according to Algerian radio.

Yemens speed up unity plan

Six months ahead of schedule

SANAA, May 8, (Reuters): North and South Yemen have decided to speed up their planned merger to forestall any attempts to undermine the creation of the Arabian peninsula's most populous country, diplomats and officials in the North say.

They said a formal announcement of the new Yemen republic would be made about six months ahead of schedule, after the two parliaments meet to ratify its draft constitution during the last week of this month.

Initial plans called for the birth of the new state to be declared on November 30 after a popular vote on the constitution at the end of a transition period following ratification.

"The unity process is being speeded up to avoid the possibility of outside interference, mainly through manipulation of religious forces inside the country," said one member of Parliament who wished to remain anonymous.

North Yemeni Information Minister Hassan Al Lauzi would not confirm a widely quoted date of May 26 but told Reuters: "I do not discount declaring the Yemeni republic within two or three weeks."

Yemeni officials from both states have warned of threats to the merger that would end more than 300 years of division between the countries, which have fought fierce border wars in their recent past.

South Yemen's Minister of State for Union Affairs, Rashid Mohammed Thabit, said in an interview earlier this year that "hostile internal forces" with outside links were threatening the merger.

North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh told a rally last month that those who were "trying to plant thorns on the road to Yemeni unity under the pretext of Islam or through strange and radical ideas," would fail.

No fingers have been pointed publicly. Privately, officials say they believe neighbouring Saudi Arabia viewed the creation of a unified Yemeni state along its southern border with some apprehension.

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Crying for reforms

An Israeli protest for electoral reform is pushed back to the sidewalk on Monday by Israeli Knesset police as they attempt to get closer to parliamentarians as they arrive for the opening session of the Knesset (parliament). Thousands of Israelis converged on the Knesset demanding an end to political brokering by leaders who fall out over making peace with Palestinians. (Reuters wirephoto)

Shift in Israeli Mideast policy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8, (Agencies): Thousands of Israelis demanding electoral reform yesterday booted legislators as they drove past the crowd to reach Parliament for the opening of the summer session.

Dozens of police officers held back the about 4,000 protesters as they jeered, spat and waved placards reading: "We are sick of you" and "no less than democracy." They hurled insults and called them trash.

The demonstration coincided with the opening of the Knesset (Parliament) and a ceremony marking the 45th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

The rally was the latest protest by a growing Electoral Reform movement. The protests were sparked by the political horse-trading following the March 15 collapse of the ruling coalition of the left-leaning Labour Party and the right-wing Likud bloc.

After the two rival parties tried for the past six weeks to lure defectors from each other's camps with offers of political posts and money, there were growing signs yesterday that another Likud-Labour government was in the offing.

Israel television reported that both parties were considering a compromise by the National Religious Party that would avoid a clear yes-or-no answer to US Middle East peace proposals.

The last government was toppled by Labour after Likud refused to accept proposals by US Secretary of State James Baker that would lead to an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo.

At the protest rally in front of Parliament, meanwhile, the crowd chanted "we are fed up" as legislators drove past.

"The general feeling is that there is nobody who is actually representing you," said Mike Marmer, a rabbinical student who immigrated from London four years ago.

"The feeling of complete separation from the people who sit in that building is very hard," said Marmer, pointing to the Parliament building across the street.

Another demonstrator, veteran Soviet Jewish immigration activist Vladimir Slepak, said he never expected he would one day protest against the Israeli government.

"In the Soviet Union we knew there was one party and we knew what they would do. But here nobody knows what will be tomorrow," said Slepak who arrived in Israel after waging a long fight against Soviet authorities for permission to emigrate.

Rally organisers accused politicians of abusing democracy and demanded that an independent commission appointed by President Chaim Herzog work out a new electoral system.

The campaign, led by dozens of Israeli mayors and army reserve officers, has collected more than half a million signatures.

Hussein — Israeli boat incident

No point in denying

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 8, (AP): An Israeli navy boat came within 100 yards (metres) of the yacht of Jordan's King Hussein in the Gulf of Aqaba, and crew members took picture of the monarch, Israeli television reported yesterday.

During the April 28 incident, the Israeli patrol boat also fired its 20-mm guns as part of a weapons check. The king's craft was then at the distance of one kilometre (0.6 mile) from the Israeli vessel, it said.

A Jordanian Navy vessel and Hussein's yacht came closer to the Israeli boat, which then approached the king's yacht, staying at the distance of 100 metres (yards) from it as crew members photographed Hussein, the television said.

"There's no point in saying that this is not part of the (navy) operational procedures," said the TV's military correspondent Moshe Shlonsky.

Najib names Yaar premier

ISLAMABAD, May 8, (AP): Afghan President Najibullah named Herat Governor Faize Haq Khaliq Yaar to head his communist government yesterday, radio Kabul reported.

The appointment came as a rocket attack on the Afghan capital killed one person and wounded two, the state-run Radio Kabul said.

The radio broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, blamed the rocket attack on US-armed rebels. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Khalil Yaar's appointment as prime minister follows on the heels of Sunday's promotion of Sultan Ali Keshmardan to the vice-presidency.

The former Herat governor was seriously wounded last April when rebels staged a bloody surprise attack on a supposed surrender ceremony of thousands of rebel fighters.

Hidden among more than 10,000 defectors at the ceremony in the northwestern province of Herat were a handful of mujahideen, rebels, pretending to have embraced Najibullah's Soviet-style government.

But when Khalil Yaar stepped out of his helicopter to launch the ceremony, the rebel fighters opened fire. When the shooting stopped 30 minutes later, 110 people were dead and scores more injured.

Najibullah lost several top military officers, including Lt. Gen. Jalal Razaminda, a deputy security minister, in the Herat attack.

SSC exams to be held June 7-18

86 committees to supervise

THE assistant undersecretary of education ministry for information and student affairs Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed has said that final exams of Secondary School Certificate SSC for government school students will begin on Thursday June 7 1990 and end Monday June 18. A total of 21,246 students from science and

arts sections will appear for the exams, 29.86 per cent of whom are Kuwaiti nationals.

He added that 44.21 per cent of students of arts section are Kuwaitis. Kuwaiti students of SSC science section at the Adulis education centre are 440 and non-Kuwaitis 135.

Kuwaiti students who study at arts section in these centres are 581 against 201 non-Kuwaitis. Additionally 662 Kuwaitis studying privately will also appear for the exams compared to 458 non-Kuwaitis.

Al Saeed pointed out that the ministry has set up 86 committees to supervise

these exams distributed at different educational areas. The students will perform exams in air-conditioned halls and will enjoy some facilities like medical care, and cold water. He added that exams of the Secondary School Certificate at the Religious Institute will commence on Wednesday June 6.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New contracts

THE undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Abdul Aziz Al Zabin has said that the new contracts will be used for new recruitment retroactively from May 1, 1990. Jobs covered by the new contracts include auxiliary positions and assistant technical posts as well as posts that require no experience.

He ruled out any intention to prepare similar new contracts for professional employees such as doctors, engineers and teachers. He underscored this statement by adding that the idea is not even possible in the future.

He told a local daily that the CSC is currently preparing a circular to be sent to all ministries and government departments outlining the measures to be taken in line with the decision on lump-sum contracts.

KU information

KUWAIT University will reportedly inaugurate the new Information Department sometimes next September, and the committee in charge of preparing the study curriculum for this department has finished its academic studies and submitted them to the relevant authorities.

An official source, quoted by a local daily, said that the university will receive the students wishing to join the Information Department as of the first term of the next academic year 90/91 during August next year, and that 30 students will be admitted into this department.

The officials said that the university rector will commission the arts faculty dean Dr Sulaiman Al Bader to take over the responsibility of running the new department, and that specialist professors will be recruited to teach at the new department.

Illegal aliens

SECURITYMEN at the Coast Guards Department have arrested six Iranian people working on some farms in Jahra, after investigations revealed that they had infiltrated into the country by sea.

Security investigations revealed that an Iranian resident of Kuwait arranged with some people in Iran to give them work on his farm in return for small salaries after entering Kuwait illegally.

The investigations led to the arrest of a number of such illegal infiltrators, some of whom had been in the country for quite a long time.

Media decisions

KUWAIT, May 8. (Kuna): Director General of the Arab Gulf Joint Programme Production Institute Abdul Wahab Al Sultan yesterday said the 20th meeting of the institute's board of directors adopted a number of decisions that would boost the Gulf joint media march.

Speaking to Kuna, Sultan said the meeting which wound up here yesterday, discussed a report on the institute's activities and achievements and approved final accounts of fiscal years 1989-90.



Lebanese prince

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Saban received Monday the visiting Prince Talal Majeed Arsalan of Lebanon. Friendly talks were exchanged.

Computer viruses rampant

Pirated software causes problems

By Diana Abou Haider
Arab Times staff

THERE are no cures for computer viruses yet, but protection against them is possible through understanding the problem and applying correct measures, said Charles Preston, a computer security consultant visiting Kuwait.

Preston is the main speaker at a 3-day seminar on virus prevention and control that opened at the Sheraton Monday. The seminar is organised by the National Consulting Bureau and Sultan Systems, and attended by 41 computer specialists from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Oman.

Viruses are miniature computer programmes that could be written in any computer language. "They can freeze your keyboard, change definitions of your keyboard keys, format your floppy disks and scramble your data files," said Preston.

He added that virus-caused destruction could happen over a period of months and damage thousands of hours worth of data. "It could also slow your system down to a crawl, insert messages in printed output such as invoices and copy your files to another system if you have a telephone modem without you knowing where the copy went."

Types

According to the computer expert, there are three types of viruses: bombs, Trojan horses and worms. A bomb acts immediately after entering the computer system. Once activated, it executes instructions which range from changing file contents to displaying little "Pac-Man" figures or bouncing balls on the screen. A Trojan horse is a delayed action programme that activates itself only after a specified action occurs, such as the occurrence of a selected date or a specified sequence of key strokes. A worm does not usually destroy files. Instead, it slows down the computer's operation by repetitively copying a file until the hard disk is too full to operate efficiently.

"Design of secure systems doesn't keep a virus from changing a programme," said Preston adding that it does not take a programming genius to write a virus. "There are hundreds of books that can tell you exactly how to write a programme."

He added that many are discovering that viruses could be a tool of industrial sabotage.

The problem will certainly get worse before it gets better, especially as computers get more powerful and more connected. A PC could do today what a main frame computer could seven years ago. Thousands of computers are connected through networks around the world, and there are 50 to 40 million PCs that run on the same programme.

The speaker said that there are more than 50 identified viruses or virus strains that affect IBM PCs today. Among them are the Pakistani or Brain virus that causes excessive disk activity and Stoned that announces itself to the user by printing the message "Your computer is stoned." Another virus called Cascade causes the letters to fall to the bottom of the screen, while the Jerusalem or the Israeli virus will wipe out a whole programme.

Failures

One of the viruses that affect Macintosh computers is called Scores. This miniature programme causes intermittent failure to print on laser printers. Some portions of this virus that infected NASA computers activate 2 to 7 days after its introduction.

Another virus written by a 14-year-old and called Dukakis prints the following message "Dukakis for President...Peace on earth and have a nice day."

Stressing the role of awareness and education in combating viruses, Preston said that the common belief that viruses are only found in free or shareware programmes is wrong. "Numerous viruses have been shipped in sealed commercial software from reputable dealers."

John Lesniewski, chief executive officer at Sultan Systems and one of the seminar's staff said that viruses are rampant in Kuwait and other Gulf countries because there is a lot of pirated software.

The most common viruses are Jerusalem, Stoned and Ping Pong. Stoned is the most difficult to get rid of," Lesniewski said adding that setting up a corporate policy to keep viruses from entering the computers of a ministry or a company is of utmost importance.

"Scanning programmes to detect viruses are available, but they need continuous updating," said the expert on cleansing infected computers.

Industry

Arabs cannot compete: Hamad

THE industrial sector in the Arab countries still cannot compete with foreign industries either due to high costs or due to protection measures adopted by the industrial countries. In the final analysis, Arab industries face many problems in marketing their products in foreign markets, according to a study prepared by Kuwait based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD).

The study which has been prepared by the chairman of the fund Abdullatif Al Hamad said that the Arab countries during the last two decades had laid down the necessary foundation for developing the infrastructure of projects and utilities such as electricity, gas, water, roads and communication projects. However, he commented that these countries had failed to address their economic structure.

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KUWAIT ... GULF

Project failures attributed to poor marketing

KIB finances 20 industrial projects

THE chairman of the board and the managing director of the Kuwait Industrial Bank Saleh Mohammad Al Yousef has expressed his belief that the failure of most industrial projects in the country is attributed to administrative and marketing problems facing these industries.

He said the interest rate imposed on loans offered by the bank is not responsible for the failure of industrial projects. He pointed out that these rates are

not high. Yousef said the initial feasibility studies submitted to the bank account for 5 per cent interest rate, and outline the economic feasibility of the proposed industrial project in the light of the specified interest rate.

He added that those who push for a reduction in interest rates on industrial loans fail to consider that these long-term loans which range from 7 to 8 years, and that the related interest rates

are unaffected by market fluctuations. Besides the grace period offered from the date of inaugurating or operating the project could last up to 24 months.

He said that the bank would in certain cases reschedule debts or even overlook some if the industrial project has encountered difficulties outside the control of its owner, pointing out that the interest rates are not a big amount if compared with the other expenditures of factories

such as salaries and maintenance.

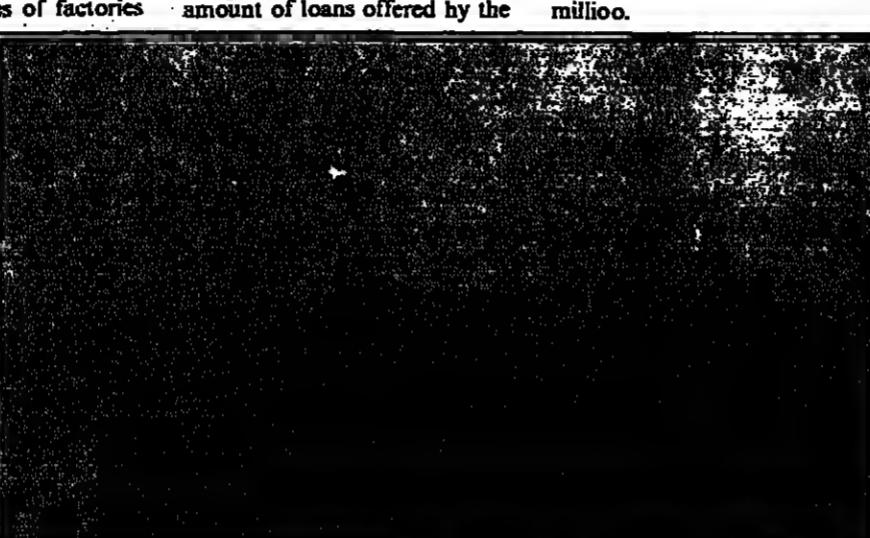
The size of loans offered by the bank is commensurate with the nature and capital of the proposed industrial project. He added that these loans are not limited as some think.

He said that the bank will occasionally contribute up to 50 per cent of the funding of industrial project, and by 100 per cent to the expansion of the project. He pointed out that the total amount of loans offered by the

bank during 1989 is tantamount to KD 23.5 million, with percentage increase of 1368 per cent since 1988 and 227 since 1987.

He said that the bank agreed during the last year to finance 20 industrial projects with a total cost of over KD 31 million. He added that the value of cumulus loans offered by the bank since its establishment in 1974 is around KD 327 million distributed over 405 projects with an estimated total cost of more than KD 617 million.

Part of the new waterfront.



Building for ladies and mosque.

Mosque for men.



Popular seaside cafe.

5th stage of waterfront to cost KD 16.5m

THE fifth stage of the waterfront project will be distinguished by its architectural style, said the director of the Public Works Department at the Ministry of Public Works, Fatimah Al Sabah said.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that this stage, which is expected to cost about KD 16.5 million, will be completely different than the other four and has been

specifically designed to reflect the country's legacy.

The project, which will extend from Ras Al Salimiya up to the Popular Cafe, will be contracted for by the public tender next month.

The official said that Salimiya Island has been excluded from the project, but added that a watch tower will be built at the end of the construction site. The

project will be provided with all facilities including service centres, car parks for 790 cars, in addition to cruiser berths capable of accommodating about 90 cruisers.

Electronic music

Audio-visual depicts 'Faces of the Desert'

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff



Wozniak (left) and Bilinski.

universal function, it symbolises rebirth and the triumph of positive over the evil forces.

This conflict of good and evil, interlaced with passages suggesting fear, delight and pain is evident in other Bilinski's works many of which have been made into TV recitals or video clips aired on Polish television. He made a splendid job of Bach's Toccata in D minor, in itself a formidable piece of music, and almost outdid himself in the sound track for a movie called *The Friend of the Jolly Devil*.

It is interesting to note that both Bilinski and Wozniak have been linked with Solidarity (the Polish trade union that won in the last elections) during its early days.

Wozniak became famous as the Solidarity photographer before it was outlawed in 1982. And Bilinski produced video recordings that implied criticism of the authority's repressive measures. Among these is the sound track for *The Little Prince* that was also screened on Monday.

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effect. But much of the dramatic effect comes from the superb Bilinski's score. It has been acknowledged that the electronic music can have greater range and impact than the one performed on conventional instruments. Bilinski used this to his advantage to create a music story that brims with suspense. His music is a celebration of life which is born from the ashes of destruction of such magnitude that nothing less than a cosmic collision could have caused it.

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Co-op union accused of hiking prices

THE chairman of Jabra Co-operative Society Jaza Al Qais has accused the Union of Co-operative Societies of hiking prices of commodities sold at the co-operative societies. He added that these prices are about 20 per cent more than prices of commodities in local markets and added that the Union increased prices because merchants succeeded in influencing the price committee.

Al Qais pointed out that he discussed the increase with purchasing committees of his co-operative and asked them to make a comprehensive study to find the reason and source of increases. The

study showed that prices of commodities bought directly by the co-operative from local markets are far less than prices of commodities supplied by the union. He added that the union prices important items and increased prices of some items by reducing weight of their packs and cans and increasing their prices at the same time, such as Egyptian corn oil.

He called on officials of the union to arrange for discussions between him and them on this question. But the dialogue should be public and covered by the local media to allow consumers to know who increased the prices.

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Visit visa can be changed to public sector permit: Bennai

Visa trading penalties tougher

EXPATRIATES holding visitors' visas can convert it into a work permit only if they are recruited by the public sector,

according to Col Nasser Abdul Hadi Al Bennai, director of the Ahmadi Immigration Department.

Commenting on the employment scene of expatriates, he said that it is against the law to recruit any person who is staying illegally in the country, or to employ any individual who is employed by a different sponsor. Violators will face a jail term of maximum six months or a fine of KD 200 to KD 600, the official said.

Expatriates who return from the private sector will be given a three-month residence permit to complete two of services.

Students studying abroad, or those who are under medical treatment are exempted from the ban imposed on entering the country after six months.

However, they have to produce documentary evidence, the official said.

Continuing, he said that there is a plan to set up kiosks for selling stamps at immigration

departments in the five governorates.

The official disclosed that all Kuwait's exits are equipped with special technological systems as also all Kuwaiti embassies abroad. These facilities enable authorities to verify the official data or work permit stamps and related formalities to detect any attempted forgery. He called on those arriving in Kuwait with valid residence visas to attach a passport attached to the new one to contact the relevant immigration department to have the visa transferred to the new passport.

Arab or foreign women married to Kuwaiti husbands will be given residence visas in the case of divorce or death of their husbands up to a maximum of five years, which can be renewed. Children of such marriages will be Kuwaitis, Col Bennai said.

Last day to register

(Continued from Page 1)

Following are the names of the candidates who registered on the ninth day:

1st constituency — Sharq

Salah Baquer Kharbiti
Rashed Abdulla Al Sharha
Mbarak Mizayd Al Mutairi
Hamdan Thamer Al Souwani
Haidar Sayed Ismael Monstafawi

2nd constituency — Mirqab

Fahed Naser Al Rouqaib
Moustafa Ahmed Al Ayoubi

3rd constituency — Qibla

Awad Fahed Al Mutairi

4th constituency — Da'yia

Hassan Ali Omran
Saeer Saleh Al Enazi

5th constituency — Qadsiya

Mutrik Abdulla Abdulla
Hussain Abdulla Al Safar
Saoud Abdullaziz Al Sabie
Abdul Monsem Mohamed Al Husaini

6th constituency — Faiba

Khaled Abdul Aziz Al Rabah

7th constituency — Kaifan

Mohamed Ali Al Bahar
Anwar Abdulla Al Awadi

8th constituency — Hawalli

Fareed Mohamed Omar Serri

9th constituency — Adailiya

Abdulraheem Hussain Al Za'bi
Mas'hhour Naser Al Naser
Zayed Saeq Al Kashab

10th constituency — Al Shadhiya

Khaled Abdulla Al Shadhiya
Abbas Mohamed Al Wazzan
Mahmoud Ali Haider
Abdul Thuyan Al Ghaimi
Fawzi Bader Al Fouzan
Abdu'l Aziz Abdulla Al Woyqany

11th constituency — Khaldiya

Mohamed Hamad Bin Eidan
Fahed Hmoud Al Baz
Hisham Naser Al Abdjaljal
Yousef Jasseem Al Fahed

12th constituency — Salimiya

Jam'an Mohamed Al Hridi
Eid Ali Al Azemi

13th constituency — Rumaiithiya

Abdulla Hassan Kamshad

14th constituency — Riqqa

Mbarak Haid Al Ajmi
Mohamed Abdulla Al Kadari

23rd constituency — Sabahiya

Hmoud Dhloz Al Kribani
Khaled Mithal Al Azemi

24th constituency — Fahabeel

Saad Dajmaan Al Azemi
Mahdi Barak Al Azemi
Fahel Abdulla Al Azemi
Nahed Mohamed Al Khalidi
Nahed Naser Al Hajri

25th constituency — Umm Al Haiman

Eid Ali Al Azemi
Moutlak Saad Al Azemi
Saoud Naser Al Azemi

BRIEFS IN BRIEF

Courtesy call

KUWAIT, May 8, (Kuna): HH the Amir made a courtesy telephone call to Saudi Second Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ben Abdullaziz who has undergone a successful surgery recently in a European hospital.

Moroccan prince leaves

KUWAIT, May 8, (Kuna): Moroccan Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Al Hassan left his today, concluding a four-day official visit.

He was seen off at the airport by the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Salem Al Sabah, a number of top government officials, and the Moroccan ambassador to Kuwait.

His stay here was to attend the third stop of a Gulf tour that has taken him earlier to the United Arab Emirates.

Hindi exams

CENTRAL Hindi Directorate's Hindi Certificate and Diploma Examinations will be held at Indian Embassy premises on May 13, 1990 (Sunday) as follows:

Paper I: 0730 — 1030 hrs.

Paper II: 1130 — 1430 hrs.

Concerned candidates are advised to contact the Indian embassy immediately.

Sri Lankan embassy

The Embassy of Sri Lanka will remain closed on May 9 and 10, (Wednesday and Thursday) on the occasion of ' Wesak' festival in Sri Lanka.

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activities and bad agreed to expand ties through exhibitions, exchange visits and increased co-operation between their respective chambers of commerce and industry.

It was also agreed to boost relations in education, youth activities, sports and the rehabilitation of the handicapped.

Ghazi Hidouci said at the end of his three-day visit that he was happy about the results of the meeting and affirmed his commitment to put them into action.

He also confirmed his country's attendance at the Abu Dhabi International exhibition which is due to be held in January 1991.

BUSINESS & FINANCE



Unofficial trading

Street traders deal in shares outside the Istanbul stock exchange. Although shares are traded on the floor of the exchange, unofficial trading takes place outside for cash. (Reuter wirephoto)

Business Briefs

Islamic chambers discuss trade

DAMASCUS, May 8. (Kuna): Twenty Muslim countries, including several Gulf states, began here today discussions on how to substantially increase inter-commercial activities and enhance trade dealings among them.

Opening the meetings of the executive committee of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Syrian Minister of Supply and Internal Trade Hassan Al Saqqa said exchange of trade among Muslim countries has not exceeded ten per cent of their total foreign trade.

In comparison, he added, the European Economic Community's trade volume reached sixty per cent.

Saudi names Opec board chairman

RIYADH, May 8. (Opec): The Saudi Arabian government has announced the appointment of Suliman Jasir Al Heribsh as its representative on the Opec board of governors.

He replaces Abdul Aziz Al Turk, who took over as secretary general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) on March 1 this year.

Al Heribsh has been assistant deputy minister of petroleum and mineral resources since 1983 and a member of the directing board of various important companies, including the Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company, a joint Saudi-Kuwait venture. He is also chairman of the board of the Arabian drilling company, set up jointly by Petroleum and Sedco Forex of France.

Oil firms share trading suspended

TEL AVIV, May 8. (Reuter): The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange suspended trading in shares of oil exploration companies today after Isramco Israel Inc. reported it may have struck commercial quantities of gas at an offshore field.

An exchange spokeswoman said six companies' shares were suspended. Isramco Israel had notified the stock exchange of the potential find and said it would clarify the potential within a few days, the spokeswoman said.

Thatcher to face attack on economy

LONDON, May 8. (Kuna): The beleaguered government of UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will face a new attack tomorrow with the release of a report, calling into question the success of its economic policies, it was reported here today.

British MPs have disclosed that the report shows that Britain's poor have not benefited under Margaret Thatcher's premiership as much as the government claims.

Egypt urges Swiss co-operation

GENEVA, May 8. (Kuna): Mohamed Abdel Wahab, Minister of Industry of Egypt, today called on Swiss enterprises to benefit from the tremendous economic potential offered by the Egyptian economy in the light of the various reform measures being implemented — whereby the private sector would be the engine of growth in the 1990s.

Addressing the Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the occasion of its 16th annual general meeting, the Egyptian industry minister presented an overview of the Egyptian economy, the industrial strategy for the 90s, and the avenues for mutual economic co-operation between the Swiss and Egyptian firms.

Exchange rates

	16.980
Indian rupee	7.390
Sri Lankan rupee	13.470
Pakistani rupee	8.490
Bangladesh taka	29.275
US dollar	48.925
Pound sterling	0.7968
UAE dirham	17.720
Deutsche mark	0.01860
Japanese yen	

Dollar rises against yen

Tokyo stocks close firm

LONDON, May 8. (AP): The dollar gained slightly against the Japanese yen, but declined against the West German mark.

Gold prices ended higher.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 158.05 yen, up 0.25 yen from yesterday's close of 157.80 yen. The dollar had fallen 1.28 yen in the three previous trading days.

Later in London, the dollar was quoted at 157.85 yen.

"Yen-dollar trading was quiet as market participants are awaiting the start of the US treasury bond auction tonight," said Mamoru Tabata, a currency dealer with Mitsui Taiyo Shinkin Bank. "The dollar stayed in an extremely narrow range."

Masafumi Koyama, chief customer dealer at Bank of Tokyo, said there was not much interest in yen-dollar deals among either buyers or sellers. Trading against European currencies occupied centre stage; he said.

Hong Kong stocks were easier in late trade. The Hang Seng index was down about eight points at 2,952.

In New York yesterday, stock prices closed higher as optimism spread on Wall Street that interest rates have peaked.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 11.36 points to 2,721.62.

At the start of foreign exchange trading in Switzerland today, one Kuwaiti dinar was trading at 4.8975 Swiss francs, as against the closing rate yesterday of 4.8961, the Swiss-Kuwaiti bank reported.

Against the dinar, the German mark opened at 5.6602 (5.6554), the pound sterling 2.0516 (2.0474), Japanese yen 540.5704 (538.6943), and the US dollar 3.4200 (3.4203).

Short dates were active on the Kuwaiti interbank deposit market today, dealers said.

Short dates were well offered, in particular tomorrow/next, which was being quoted around 8-3/8, eight cents.

The key 225-share Nikkei index closed up 14.31 points or 0.05 per cent to 30,970.58, despite fears that would be followed after it surged 782.63 points yesterday.

"I think the market is looking a lot healthier considering how much we went up yesterday," said Brad Bauer, broker at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities Japan. "We're not about to rage forward to an all-time high, but the worst is behind us."

About 750 million shares changed hands, the highest since April 9, against 600 million traded yesterday.

The Nikkei fluctuated in a range of about 300 points, exceeding 31,000 briefly in late morning trade.

The spot yen was quoted at 3,7505/8 to the dollar.

Algeria, UAE plan

Joint investment co

both countries.

Algeria is in the throes of economic reform designed to end central planning and make its state sector responsive to market forces.

Part of the reform is a new law on money and credit that for the first time authorises joint ventures with foreign partners in which the Algerian side has a minority share.

Burdened by huge foreign debt of \$24 billion, Algeria suffers a severe hard currency shortage that has crippled industry and blocked new development projects needed for economic revival.

An Opec release said that the 44th meeting of the organisation, held under chairmanship of Egyptian representative Dr Hussein Abdulla, had welcomed the new Secretary-General Abdul Aziz Al Abdulla Al Turki wishing him success.

The council, meeting at the ministerial level, monitored Arab and international developments related to environment protection and preparations for the

\$60b IMF aid for Third World, East

Rich, poor talks end in 50pc increase

WASHINGTON, May 8. (Agencies): Rich and poor nations ended more than two years of often tortuous negotiations today by selling a \$60-billion deal to help promote democracy in Eastern Europe and economic reforms in the Third World.

In a complex communiqué reached after talks lasting into the early morning, the International Monetary Fund said it had won support for a 50 per cent rise in the money it will have available for coping with its "heavy workload" of promoting global economic development in the 1990s.

The debate between the rich and poor over economic development now switches to a joint committee of the World Bank and the IMF, where the Third World is expected to press for a stronger strategy for attacking the debt crisis.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady signalled that Washington opposes any changes in the strategy now, arguing that it was working well in reducing the Third World's \$1.3-trillion mountain of debt.

Promise

"Debt-ridden countries are already gaining benefits," Brady told the joint development committee today.

In the deal on the IMF's resources, developing countries had to take a smaller increase than they wanted despite fears that the Third World will be ignored over Eastern Europe.

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Record rise in Third World inflation

Consumer prices rose 86.3pc in 1989

WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP): Consumer prices rose a record 86.3 per cent in Third World countries last year, spurred by a 350 per cent rise in Latin America, the International Monetary Fund reported yesterday.

Among 22 industrial countries the rise was only 4.5 per cent, up from the 3.4 per cent of 1988. The increases ranged from 1.1 per cent in the Netherlands to 20.8 per cent in Iceland. Japan had 2.3 per cent and West Germany 2.8 per cent.

The United States, the world's largest economy, was a little above the average at 4.8 per cent.

The fund gave figures from its member countries but calculates on its own basis to make them comparable, so that rates for individual countries sometimes differ from those published by governments themselves.

Latin American average prices were heavily increased by runaway inflation in two

of the area's most important countries: Argentina 3,079 per cent and Brazil 1,287 per cent. The mean Argentine housewives were paying roughly 30 times more for the same basket of goods at the end of 1989 than at the beginning of the year.

Peru had an even higher rate: 3,398 per cent.

Mexico, which has a strict austerity programme, dropped to 20 per cent from 114 per cent in 1988.

The fund classifies 130 of its members as "developing countries," including those in Eastern Europe. The Soviet Union does not belong and the fund gives no figures for it.

For its seven European members outside the industrial group, the inflation rate rose in 1989 to an average 232 per cent, largely because of Yugoslavia's 1,239 per cent and Poland's 244 per cent. A fund official said Poland's inflation has dropped sharply this

year because of the new non-communist government's shock programme to shift away from communism to a market system.

Annual figures for Africa and the Middle East were incomplete. Many Middle East countries have not been reporting in recent years. Among those that have, Israel's rate rose to 20.2 per cent last year from 16.2 per cent and Egypt's to 21.3 per cent from 17.7 per cent.

Africa's average appeared steady: 18.9 per cent in 1988 and 21.2 per cent in the third quarter of 1989. The African average masked a wide range, from Zambia's annual 186 per cent last October to small price reductions in several countries including Chad, Togo and the Central African Republic.

Only Asia's average showed a decline in the inflation rate: For 21 countries there the annual average dropped to 10.2 per cent last year from the 11.8 per cent of 1988.



Ultimate luxury

Workers at Carriga House Motors in New York polish the ultimate in luxury cars (left), the Rolls Royce Silver Spur 11. Only 25 of these cars, priced at \$175,000 each, will be built for the American market. The car's amenities include a

refrigerator designed to hold two champagne bottles, rare walnut wood and silver fittings, and a ten-speaker remote-controlled entertainment system. At right, champagne is being served from the car's refrigerator. (Reuter wirephoto)

American work-rate continues to dawdle

WASHINGTON, May 8. (API): American workers' productivity continued to lag in the first three months of 1990, posting its worst performance in a year, the government said yesterday.

"It's a reminder of what we already knew — that the economy isn't doing too well," said David Wyss, an economist at Dri-McGraw Hill Inc. Research firm in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Non-farm productivity — defined as output per hour of work — declined by 1 per cent, the biggest drop since productivity fell by an annual rate of 1.3 per cent for the January-March period last year.

During all of last year, productivity rose just 0.9 per cent, the poorest showing since the 1981-82 recession.

Increasing productivity is considered basic to boosting living standards because it allows businesses to pay workers more as their output rises without risking higher inflation.

Irwin Kellner, chief economist at manufacturers' Hanover Trust, a major New York bank, said productivity sometimes plummets in a quarter because of statistical quirks, but the nation's continuing anemic productivity pace is distressing.

"In the long term, we should be very concerned because we're not being efficient enough to increase our living standard. It's also making it difficult to compete with other countries," Kellner said.

Meanwhile, unit labour costs, a key gauge of future price inflation, rose a sharp 4.9 per cent so far this year, the report said, compared with a 4.5 per cent increase during all of 1989.

"It suggests a rock-hard underlying inflation rate of 4.5 to 5 per cent," economist Allen Strain said of the increase in unit labour costs. "It's not likely to get much better anything soon without the economy getting more productivity."

However, Sinai, chief economist at the Boston Co. financial firm, noted that hourly labour costs — a major inflation measure for businesses — rose at an annual rate of 3.9 per cent in the first quarter of 1990.

He called the 3.9 per cent rise a bright spot, noting those costs increased by 5.5 per cent for all of 1989.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq, Turkey sign accord: An accord signed in Baghdad at the weekend between Iraq and Turkey, is expected to promote bilateral trade and economic, technical and scientific co-operation.

Signed at the end of the three-day official visit here by Turkish Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut, the agreement stipulates an increase and diversification of trade exchanges between the two countries, with Turkey extending credit facilities to finance Iraqi imports from Ankara as well as providing help for projects in the Arab state. (OPECNA)

Gulf Air orders engines: Gulf Air, the airline of four GCC countries, has ordered CFM International jet engines worth \$225 million to power Airbus Industrie A320 jetliners, the engine maker said Monday.

Gulf Air said the CFM56-5 engines would power 12 firm and six option airbus jetliners. Delivery is to begin in 1992 and continue through 1994.

Gulf Air, owned by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, plans to use the Airbus jetliners to expand its fleet of short-to-medium-range aircraft and to replace aging Boeing 737-200s, CFM said. (AP)

Iran opens new production line: A new production line opened on Monday at Iran aluminum factory, raising annual output to 70,000 tonnes. Iranian television reported.

Mines and Metal Minister Mohammad Hosseini Mahloobchi said on television that the nearly 50 per cent increase in output at the plant in the central city of Arak will help curb the rise in aluminum prices in Iran. (Reuters)

Iranian ports repairs under way: The repair, reconstruction and renovation of three strategic Iranian ports is under way in the provincial cities of Khorramshahr, Abadan and Bandar Khomenei, it has been reported in Ahwaz, Khuzestan province.

The government has approved a budget of \$35.7 million for the project, 22.8 million of which will be spent on the reconstruction of Khorramshahr and Abadan ports with the remainder earmarked for the Khomenei Port. (OPECNA)

Soviets grain farmers paid: The Soviet government Monday doubled the price paid to grain farmers in hopes of stimulating this year's harvest, at the risk of a substantial increase in its budget deficit.

The price paid for top-quality soft grain will rise from 260 rubles to 500 rubles per ton under Monday's order from the council of ministers, Tass reported. The price paid of other grains will rise by 30 per cent to nearly 100 per cent.

But while farmers will be paid more to produce animal feed, they will not be asked to pay higher prices for the feed they buy, the announcement said. (AP)

Ethiopia offers tax breaks: Ethiopia, seeking to liberalise its socialist economy, has issued a

Compromised budget No preconditions

WASHINGTON, May 8. (API): President George Bush has agreed with congressional leaders to set "no preconditions" on their effort to negotiate a bipartisan budget compromise, the White House said yesterday.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the talks will be "unfettered" by standoffs held in the past, including Bush's longstanding insistence that there be no new taxes.

He said new efforts to forge a compromise were motivated in part by "anxiety over a deficit that is fighting every reduction attempt that we can come up with."

The participants agreed on two or three kind of basic operating principles. One would be that there are no preconditions, that anyone can bring up issues for discussion and debate," Fitzwater told reporters.

Asked whether Bush was abandoning his refusal to consider raising taxes, Fitzwater replied: "The tax matter was not discussed in the meeting yesterday. The president's prevalence and philosophy on this issue is quite well known."

"But what they did agree to last night was that they would not get involved and discussions about taxation or specific issues, but rather would stick to the phrase of 'no preconditions' and begin an open debate that is unfettered with conclusions about positions taken in the past," he said.

degree opening up the key sectors of agriculture, industry and foreign trade to private investment.

In Sunday's decree the government offered tax breaks of up to five years for those willing to invest in Ethiopia's economy.

The official Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) said start-up materials for new projects would be exempt from import duty. (Reuters)

Greyhound strike still on: Greyhound chairman Fred Curley declared victory Monday in the bitter walkout against the country's biggest long-distance bus company was by no means over.

"We are no longer drivers-inhibited," Curley told reporters at a new conference called by the company at its Dallas headquarters. The statement came a day after the company proposed a four-year wage freeze and the elimination of 4,500 union jobs, a proposal the union called an "insult." (AP)

Gaming ventures in USSR: A Nevada company has signed an agreement with the Soviet government to operate four small casinos in Russia, a company official said.

Officials hope to open the first casino along the Black Sea in less than two months, according to Simon Furman, general manager for Unigold.

Unigold will spend about \$1 million to open the four casinos in existing hotels, he said. (AP)

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this month there is a "need to promptly enact broad-based legislation that would reform and modernise" financial structures.

Fed spokesman Joseph Coyne said the US central bank believes Glass-Steagall should go. "We have asked for Glass-Steagall to be repealed," Coyne said. "There's a lot of sentiment in the Congress to support that."

Resistance from the securities and insurance industries, initially stiff, has tempered considerably, said Daniel McDermott, legislative counsel for the financial services council. He said the group's members represent most of the industries with a stake in the legislation.

While there's no consensus on the shape of financial modernisation legislation, "turf-based opposition" has given way to the view that US code should reflect the modern world, McDermott said. And most of the industries concerned have a stake in enhancing US global competitiveness.

Nonetheless, the most vigorous proponents of Glass-Steagall revision are the commercial banks, who say the financial services revolution obliges them to diversify into

other activities. They also want to lift barriers to branching out across state lines — so-called interstate banking.

Banks argue that tight restriction of US institutions weakens them in the face of stiffening international competition from Japanese megabanks and European contenders forging new alliances. Even at home, they say, US rules often give foreign banks competitive advantages.

If American banks become less important suppliers of financial services, more and more financial business will be conducted by foreign institutions in overseas markets," argued an American Bankers Association report on global competitiveness, warning of lost economic benefits.

It perceived a big threat to traditional US banking leadership in the 1992 economic unification programme of the European Economic Community.

European banks by 1992 will operate under a community-wide code providing for so-called universal banking, which combines the features of commercial and investment banking with, often, insurance business as well. Mergers and joint ventures will create major new global competitors.

Opec attacks tax on oil goods

Kuwait, Iran to hold talks

KUWAIT, May 8. (AP): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries yesterday accused oil-consuming nations of damaging investment plans of crude producers with high taxes on oil products.

In the May issue of Opec's monthly bulletin, the Kuwait-based organisation said the taxes on oil products make it difficult for the oil producers to predict consumption levels in the industrialised world.

"The enormous investment needed to expand production capacity require a comparable increase in consumption to make them economically justified," Opec said.

"However, the prospects for growth in world oil demand are subject to constant revision."

Opec contended that some countries have hiked taxes during falling oil prices, indicating they were determined to reduce domestic oil consumption through taxation.

Concern about environmental protection may lead to still-higher taxes, it said.

Nigerian decision

Big output cut

LAGOS, May 8. (Reuter): Nigeria announced today a big cut in its oil output in line with moves by other Opec states to support prices which have fallen by up to 25 per cent this year.

"The amount that Nigeria was supposed to be making in excess of its quota was 140,000 barrels per day (bpd). This is the amount by which we intend to cut down," Oil Minister Jibril Aminu said.

The 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided at an emergency meeting in Geneva last week to cut output by 1.445 million bpd to try and mop up an oil surplus seen as responsible for a sharp fall in prices.

Nigeria's output was estimated at 1.75 million bpd in April against an allocated quota of 1.611 million.

With total group output 1.5 to two million bpd above its 22 million bpd ceiling, set last November, prices for the actively traded Brent oil crashed below \$16 a barrel last month from as high as \$20 in January.

Opec's target price for a basket of its crudes is \$18.

Aminu said prices had failed to recover since the meeting because of manipulation by speculators, analysts and traders who suggested that Opec would not be able to stick to its accord.

Poles rush to buy Universal

Bigest privatisation

WARSAW, May 8. (Reuter):

Dozens of people gathered outside the headquarters of a leading Polish foreign trade company to steady the shaky oil market and maintain price levels.

Aghazadeh and Sheikh Ali were in Geneva for an initial meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to agree on temporary oil production cutbacks to steady the oil market and maintain price levels.

Aghazadeh told reporters that he had lengthy talks with Sheikh Ali on the long-term prospects for the oil market, and that the two ministers had agreed to meet again to continue these discussions.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, on Monday joined another oil exporter, Kuwait, in welcoming the recent agreement among members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to curtail the cartel's overall production to stabilise oil prices.

But the Arab kingdom cautioned that containing the present glut on the oil market and achieving the targeted benchmark price of \$18 a barrel, would require all member states to stick to their agreed quotas.

International crude oil futures moved up in light trading Monday just a few days after Opec oil and energy minister agreed to cut back excess production.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex) West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the American benchmark crude, gained 29 cents to close at \$18.27 a barrel for June delivery while the July contract put up 27 cents to finish at \$18.66.

North Yemen plans gas grid

SANA, May 8. (Reuter): North Yemen is studying plans to build a billion-dollar pipeline grid to generate power in its main cities by tapping its large gas reserves, oil industry sources said today.

They said a Dutch firm had prepared an initial feasibility study for the project which would involve spending up to \$1.2 billion to lay a line from central oil-producing fields to all major population centres. The line would be 24 to 26 inches (61 to 66 cm) in diameter.

Oil and Minerals Minister Ahmed Al-Muhani said on Saturday the country's gas reserves were 8.3 trillion cubic feet, compared with recoverable crude reserves of 500 million barrels.

Gas from its producing Ashfield in the Marib-Jawf basin is presently being reinjected or flared.

If the conglomerates do not sell by year's end real estate being held for speculation or not needed, they will face punitive

action, the government.

The order was contained in a set of government measures announced by Deputy Prime Minister Lee Seung-Yun to fight real estate speculation and inflation, aimed at invigorating the country's sagging economy.

Lee, who announced the measures in a joint news conference with five other cabinet ministers, said that those businesses which refuse to comply with the government's orders will face punitive taxes and a cutoff in fresh bank loans.

Yesterday President Roh Tae-Woo said in a televised speech the government was determined to force big businesses to sell their real estate.

The brief rally also helped push product prices up on the Merc.

The Merc's slow activity also reflected the closing of the London markets, which were observing a banking holiday. Only about 50,000 crude oil contracts were traded on the Merc, against a normal daily volume of about 75,000 contracts.

Around the globe, huge Japanese banks with deep pools of capital could become more agile as well

EVENTS



From the land of many splendours

THE Oriya Samaj in Kuwait has finally arrived. Two days after Ranjana Gauhar presented the enchanting Odissi dance at the recently concluded India Festival, the artists of the Oriya Samaj presented a lifting Oriya song and a rhythmic dance number at the Festival. It seemed too good to be true. The mix of song and dance experiences gave fresh perception to Orissa's variety and beauty. The song, directed by Vijayalakshmi Nayak depicted the theme of gallant Oriya traders sailing overseas against heavy odds, while the dance number, competently choreographed by Sebhya Nawaz, exhibited the enchanting rural scene after the harvest. M. P. Dalbehera, Dr Nabeen C. Nayak and Dr Dipika Mohanty supervised the cultural programme of the Oriya Samaj at the IAC auditorium on the 27th April. The mouth-watering Oriya dishes were also on display in one of the foodstalls at the Festival venue, prepared by Dr Dipika Mohanty, Nirmala Jain, Rita Dalbehera and Rashmibala Das. Those who participated in the chorus song (picture down) were Girija Nandan Pandey, Chaturbhuj Sabat, D. S. Jain, K. Ray, Sudarshani Dalbehera, Shekhar Parida, Devapriya Dalbehera and Sunit Jain.

The top picture shows a scene from the dance programme.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Gallery Dahiyan

THE Sixth Arab Children's art show will be held at the Dahiyan Abdulrah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque, from May 12 to 21. The paintings and drawings of children from several Arab and Gulf countries will be on show. It will be open from 9 am to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm, except weekends.

SOCIAL

ACT ACT's production of "Voyages", an evening of words and music about travel, will be presented one night only at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School on Thursday, May 10, 1990. This readers theatre presentation includes selections of humorous and inspiring poetry and prose by contemporary and classical authors. 3KD admission includes light buffet. Call 5620332, 4-8 pm for reservations. Tickets are also available at the door.

Tamil drama

TAC presents a hilarious Tamil comedy by "Enthusiasts," after their last year's roaring success of *Umaiyai Unu Vilai Enna*. Programme is at IAC hall on May 25, 1990 at 7.00 pm.

For entry passes contact 3904817, 5616930, 48894874 and 3903879.

Hyderabad Mushaira

THE committee for celebrations of four centenary of Hyderabad Deccan, is going to hold a grand Mushaira, on Thursday, May 17, 1990 at 8.00 pm at Carlton Tower Hotel, Fahed Al Salem Street. Guest poets from Hyderabad will participate in it along with prominent local poets. A limited number of seats left. Reserve your seat now to avoid disappointment. For passes and more details call Kbalish Hyderabad, on 4735591 ext. 34 (between 7 am - 12.30 pm).

Daniella Dhow Trip

FOR reasons beyond the control of the Daniella Club, the Dhow trip for Danes has been postponed till Friday, May 18, at 10 am.

Indian Arts Circle

HERE'S good news for lovers of one-act plays. A wide variety of one-act plays to reach as wide an audience as possible is going to be staged from 17th to 31st May 1990 at the IAC auditorium for the 2nd IAC One Act Play Competition. After the roaring success of the 1st One Act Play Competition, 16 teams are planning to perform plays in languages ranging from Malayalam to Marathi. The inaugural offering is a Konkani play at 8 pm on the 17th May. Watch out for further information in this column.

Painting exhibition

A PAINTING exhibition titled, Around the World, will be held at Kuwait International Hotel from May 8-16 by Mrs Luisa Marina Cnwell, an American citizen born in Colombia, South America. The exhibition will show subjects from different countries as well as a special section in Kuwait. It includes cityscapes, deserts, landscapes and Islamic designs. Tel.: 2530000/2533000.

Austrian festival

THE Kuwait International Hotel presents:

Viennese Opera Ball Orchestra (May 11). Having played across the world from New York to Berlin and Moscow, they will now present typical Viennese style of music in Kuwait. Conducted by Robert Pawlikie, one of the leading chef d'orchestra in Austria since a quarter of a century.

Viennese Opera Ball (May 12): Will present the traditional highlight of Vienna's social life - a night of the world, a night only Austria can create, a feast of never ending charm. The ancient stepping dance, Polonaise, will inaugurate the evening.

Folkloric band (May 13): From the high mountains of Austria the group, Laimeralm, will present a rich repertoire. They have been performing since the last three generations.

Cuisine from the City of Music (May 11-16): Through-out the week, La Palma will present unique creations from the fabled "City of Music" with live entertainment. Tickets at: 2530000/2533000.

British Council

FEATURE FILM: *After Pilkington*, Saturday May 12 and Sunday, May 13 at 6.30 pm.

This woob the prix Italia Drama Award in 1987. With a skillfully drawn framework of black comedy, the situation is deadly. Bob Peck, Miranda Richardson and Barry Forster render outstanding performance making mine memorable the witty dialogue of Simon Gray's original screenplay.

CHILDREN'S FILM: *Teddy Ruxpin*, a rainbow of many colours. Wednesday, May 16 at 6.00 pm and Thursday, May 17 at 10.30 am.

Hurry! Don't miss Teddy and his friends escaping from a giant runaway strawberry and making a daring journey to Rainbow Falls.

Please book seats by calling Tel. Nos: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533279.

HOTELS

Kuwait Sheraton
RICCARDO Restaurant: The Riccardo restaurant with its famous Italian cuisine will be

that they even resort to linking film titles to write dialogue. Clever? Novel, no. That's entertainment for you! And if Sri Devi's delivering those lines, you'll lap it up — lock, stock and barrel. "Naughty Girl" Sri seduces you with her moh-so-o naughty looks (reserved for men). Romancing the luscious Sri is iconic Dharmendra, real but stuffy if you consider he is supposed to be a tough trucker.

To offset the generation gap, you have Chunky Pandey and Sonam falling all over each other.

One actor who rises above the mundane is Anupam Kher. As Karamchand, a policeman with a perpetual cold and a sneeze, he stands out as a true entertainer. In a brief cameo, he has you in stitches while interviewing a prospective groom for his daughter.

In a word, the theme revolves around 'revenge.' And guess who triumphs — certainly not the bad guys, played by Sadashiv Amrapurkar and Amrish Puri.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya; and Canary Video, Fisheries Bldg., Sharq.



Sri Devi



Sonam



Anil Kapoor and Meenakshi

Indian Video Roundup

An ideal home couldn't be better

By Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times staff

Ghar (home). The word evokes images of an ideal home — companionship, harmony and above all smiles pasted on everyone's lips. On celluloid, the ideal is arrived after filling buckets of tears (of the daughter-in-law, of course) and your psyche takes a bashing.

Any title with *Ghar* almost always implies a family drama. Now, there's Nadiadwala's *Ghar Ho To Aisa*, which roughly falls into the category that focusses on the monstrous mother-in-law's inhumane attitude toward her docile daughter-in-law. Its rather an unequal fight with the bullish ma-in-law bashing up a frail bull-fighter.

In the '60s and '70s, Lalita Pawar, with a twitching eye and a booming voice, intimidated all and sundry in family sagas. In the '90s, it seems the mantle has fallen on Bindu, a one time glamour gal, who has been ousted from her vampish roles by the more glamourous pussycats who call themselves stars.

In *Ghar Ha to Aisa*, Bindu gets the honour of beating up a bewildered Deepi Naval, who can never do anything right. It's like "the boss is always right even if I am wrong." Of course, there is the final reformation, reconciliation — but not before an angry young woman turns the tables.

In this film, she is played by Meenakshi Seshadri, a fiery feminist who hates men and runs a social welfare centre for women harassed by their husbands. She even plots a marriage of convenience to appease her father but succumbs to protagonist Anil Kapoor's charms. Too proud to admit she has fallen in love, she prefers to play the "role" of wife.

Kalpataru's direction, aided by a "clean" script makes this home affairs tale a cut above the average *Ghar* movies. Striking a balance between the tragicomic tales of the harassed daughter-in-law (Deepi Naval) and the live-in son-in-law, played by Kader Khan, *Ghar* floats above sentimental waters.

Some may even like Kader Khan's too-cool-in-check performance amusing. His alter ego rebels and his cowardice holds him back. As the caricatured son-in-law, he resists the temptation to indulge in innuendos. This is a step forward for the

Anil Kapoor is in a light-hearted mood after the blood and gore of films like Parinda, Ram Lakhan and others. He wants us to know he has a flair for comedy as well. Fine. His comic capers are confined to rolling his eyes once too often.

After shallow characterisations and superficial situations in recent movies, one does feel nice about certain values that the *Ghar* characters portray. This is certainly not true of Bappi Lahiri's ear splitting music, and choreography. Even after stretching one's imagination to breaking point, one can't swallow the principals — Meenakshi and Anil disco dancing to the beat of pop sounds for a gawabi sequence?

Tell of awkward scenes and M.P. Jain's *Naaka Bandi* springs to mind. Director Shibu Mitra's vision of entertainment vacillates between flailing arms and twirling hips. Things like a storyline, dialogue, characterisation and romance are incidental and forcibly patched onto the fabric of what is called *Naaka Bandi*.

The paucity of ideas is such

Thursday June 6, Oval Ball. If you would like details, information on any of these, please contact S. Hill 5391720, G. Adams 5644533, R. Hnuson 5658435.

CINEMA

Al Andulus Arabic film
Al Salimiya Hall Booked
Al Hamra Time Burst Drive-in Arabic film
Al Firdous Kala Bazaar Fahabek Open Gharrana Fahabek Arabic film Al Jaraa Split Granda Arabic film Solaitikhat Italian Boys Jleeb Malone Ahmadi Drive-in Arabic film

open for lunch and live entertainment with "Franco and Regina" every night.

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Al Hamra: Enjoy the Arabian Night theme at the Al Hamra with delicious Arabic dishes buffet style, nightly entertainment by Gli Amici and singer Maha.

SPORTS

Quill Qutub Shah Memorial Cricket

THE sports committee for celebrations of 400-year anniversary of Hyderabad (Deccan) will organise the Quill Qutub Shah Memorial cricket tournament. Tickets are on sale in the hotel or at the main entrance on the day. Just bring your family and friends for a day out. Keep a look out in the papers for further advertising for full details or contact us at 5624111 ext. 711/712/739/751.

Kuwait Rugby

Thursday, May 17: 3rd Annual Fun-Run.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.30 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
9.45 Cartoons
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
10.30 Daily Arabic serial
11.15 Weekly serial: Soniya
12.30 News in brief and closedown

Evening

4.00 Opening with the Holy Quran
4.15 World Today via Satellite (repetition)
4.30 Cartoon serial
5.00 Cultural programme
6.00 Historical serial: Muslim judges
7.00 Songs
7.15 Housing programme
7.50 Islamic arts in Yemen
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Local programme: Shabakat Al Telfizyou

10.15 Daily Arabic serial: Layali Al Helmiya

11.00 News in English

12.00 News in brief

12.10 Magazine D'Actualite

Thalam. Starring: Fatim Hamama, Emad Hamdi

1.00 News in brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite and closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Mickey and Donald, A cartoon series for children
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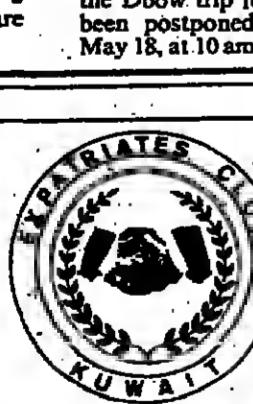
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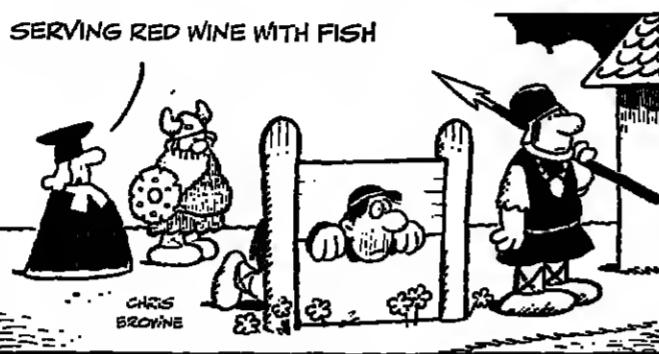
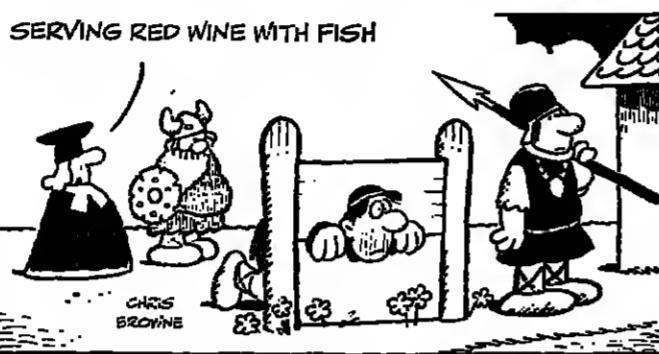
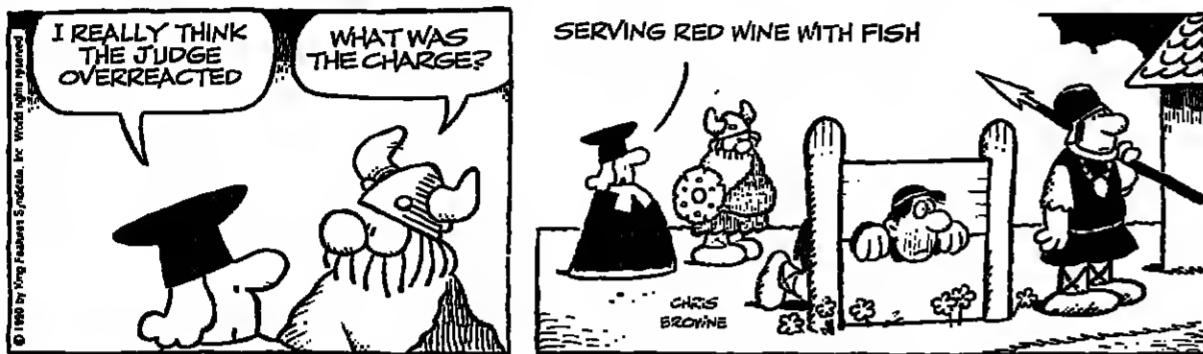
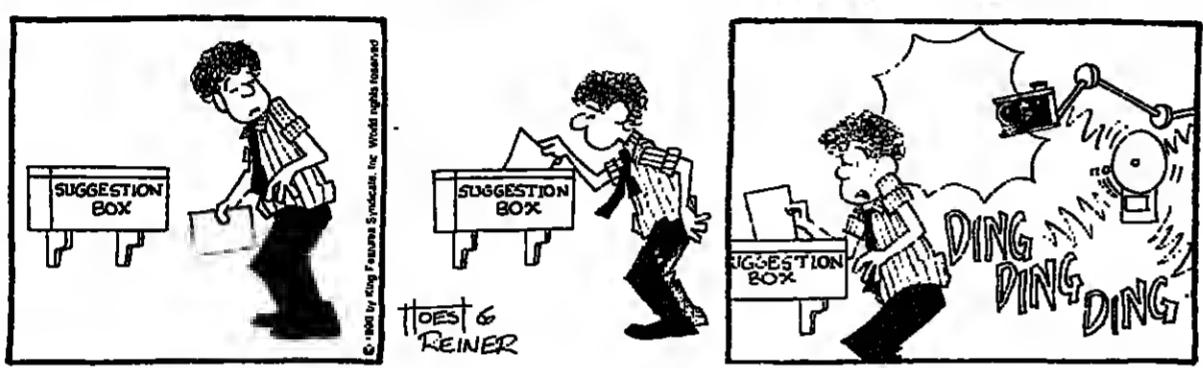
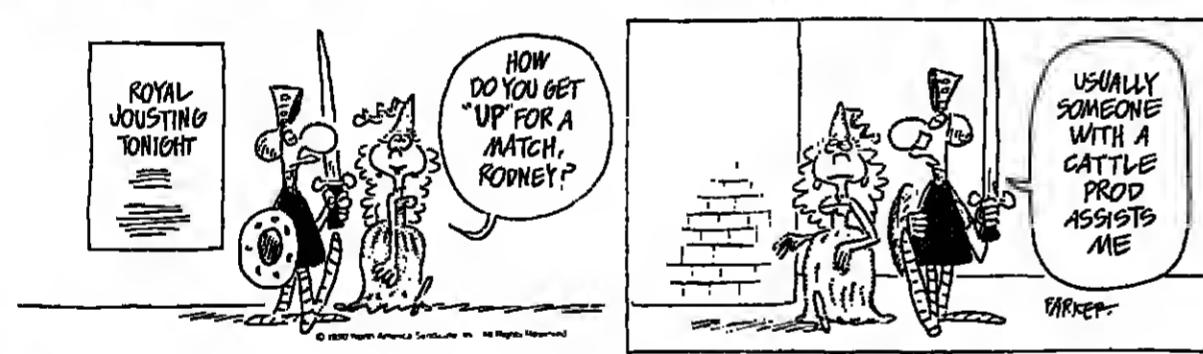
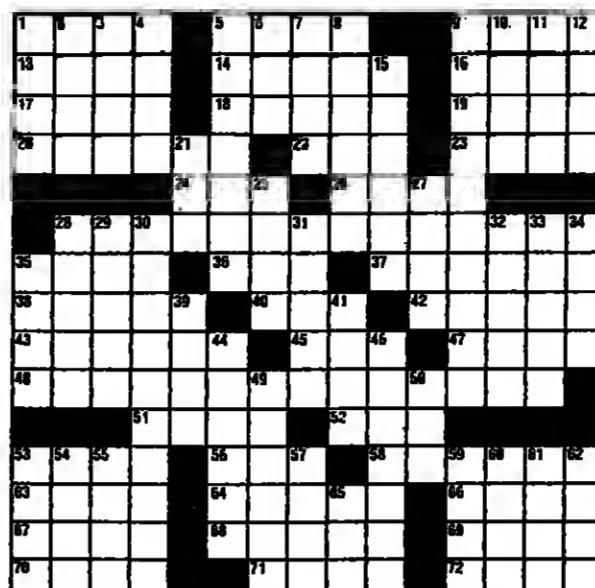
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Americans overcome fear of one foreign language — German

After Berlin Wall, they flock to classes

By Katharine A. Schmidt

LOS ANGELES, California, (UPI): When it comes to foreign languages, Americans are hesitant, teachers say, and generally shun tongues with complex grammar rules — like German, for instance.

But as the Berlin Wall crumbles, Americans are overcoming their fear of German and swelling enrolments in classes at cultural centres and universities.

Some of the students are exploring their roots. Others, officials say, are betting that they will need the language to further their careers in business.

"As soon as the changes [at the Berlin

Wall] started to happen, we got calls — people wanted to join our classes, but they were almost over," said Gabriele Landwehr, head of the language programme at the Los Angeles branch of the Goethe Institute, a cultural and educational organisation supported by the West German government.

"Right now, we get people who say, 'you know, my German mother was from Bingen... and now I want to go see it,'" Landwehr said.

The number of classes at the Institute, named for the German poet and scientist Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, has doubled since the Berlin Wall started tumbling last November, she said.

German cultural centres in other cities report a similar rise in interest.

The Goethe Institute in Chicago doubled its language classes, and in Milwaukee, where German traditions of the Goethe Institute, a cultural and educational organisation supported by the West German government.

"When the Wall story happened, many more Americans, very often people not of German descent, came and wanted to learn something about German history," Edelhauser said.

Some of those Americans are motivated by the bottom line, teachers say.

"It seems the word is out there that German is still the most difficult of the three languages [that high school students traditionally take]," Strasser said. Students prefer either French or Spanish, he said, and do not yet see the usefulness of German.

Stephen Wailes, head of the German Department at Bloomington University in Indiana, said he thought freshmen may not appreciate the possible effects of political and economic change in Europe.

"My perception is that these events, for young people, are so far away and don't seem to touch their lives in any significant way," he said.

For the older students who are filling

German cultural centres, however, recent events seems to have added to a current of interest in German language and culture that officials link to two factors: the 1983 tricentennial of German immigration to the United States, and West Germany's economic strength within the economic community.

The Goethe Institute in Houston reports a steady increase in language course enrollment since 1983, and this year, it has had many more requests than usual for an exam in business German.

In New York, Laura Kochler of the German Information Centre said Americans of German descent have been more active in events since the

tricentennial.

Breuer, in Chicago, said he considers unification a more important factor.

"I think German unification, and European unification is a much more important subject, in terms of general interest, and our future activities," he said.

Students in the Chicago Goethe Institute are primarily businessmen and women, plus a large number of travel agents and airline attendants, director Walter Breuer said. In Los Angeles, a significant minority of students are business people from Asian and Latin American countries, Landwehr said.

At Pennsylvania State University and the University of Southern California

in Los Angeles, students majoring in subjects such as economics, business and political science are already swelling German course enrolments.

"We're beginning to see students who are pragmatically oriented toward Europe in 1992 [when the economic integration of Europe is to take place]," said Gerhard Strasser, a professor in Penn state's Department of German and Comparative Literature.

He said professors at his school and other universities have noticed a rise in interest over the past year.

"Now with events in East Europe, the liberalisation of trade, that is definitely driving up enrollment," he said.

Book reviews

'Bound to Lead'

Bound to Lead: The Changing Nature of American Power, by Joseph S. Nye Jr. (Basic Books, 307 pp., \$19.95)

THERE is a growing body of work, such as Paul Kennedy's *Rise and Fall of Great Powers*, that contends America's Imperial Age is over and that its influence in the world is declining.

The arguments, however, don't persuade Joseph S. Nye Jr., Ford Foundation Professor of International Security at Harvard University, and in his valuable *Bound to Lead* he sets out to refute the pessimists and naysayers.

Nye begins by persuasively challenging the notion that the United States held hegemonic or imperial sway over the world in the aftermath of World War II. He marshals a host of examples of the nation's inability to get its way in international power and policy disputes.

In separate chapters, Nye examines the military, economic, and cultural resources available to the United States as it enters the 1990s and prepares for the 21st century. He also looks at potential challenges to America's leadership from the communist camp and from Allies. Written while events in Eastern Europe were still unfolding, Nye may underestimate the potential of Europe but is persuasively refuting those putting Japan forward as the likely next leading power.

Still, Nye is not a Pollyanna. He argues acutely that the US role is likely to be undermined by events at home than abroad.

Although his argument is complex and wide-ranging, Nye writes straight-forward prose that makes his work accessible.

A Border Station, by Shane Connaughton (St Martin's, 165 pp., \$14.95)

This first novel by screenwriter Shane Connaughton was a best-seller in his native Ireland, and deservedly so.

Connaughton was co-author of the screenplay for the acclaimed film *My Left Foot*. His descriptive prose and obvious empathy with his young hero suggest these seven interconnected stories contain more than a little autobiographical material.

The stories detail incidents in the life of a boy living along the Irish Republic's border with Ulster. Through his relationships with his doting mother, his stern police sergeant father, a police-stricken neighbour and assorted villagers and chums, the boy slowly emerges from naivete to a growing awareness of what the real world might be like.

Each story is a gem, and together they provide a remarkably insightful glimpse into rural Irish life. This immensely readable book will probably produce laughter, tears and a sense of "I've been there" in many readers. And there's no higher praise than that.

The Fifth Profession, by David Morell (Warner, 448 pp., \$19.95)

The Fifth Profession starts at a pace most authors would be hard-pressed to end with. But what else would you expect from the man who gave the world *Rambo*.

David Morell's hero in his latest novel is known simply as Savage, an executive protector, the *Fifth Profession*.

Savage is hired by a beautiful American movie star, now the princess of a tiny European principality, to find her equally beautiful sister, widow of an assassinated New England senator-presidential candidate. Her new husband, a Greek millionaire, is holding her prisoner and abusing her on a remote Aegean island.

The operation goes well until Savage realizes that one of the Greek protectors is Akira, a Japanese whom Savage had seen decapitated when they worked together on a previous assignment. Akira, who also saw Savage killed, joins forces with Savage to find the truth.



A Rwandan peasant woman tends a tiny patch of sweet potatoes on a hillside near the southern town of Butare.

Rwanda suffers 'green hunger'

Peasants go hungry

By Frances Kerry

BUTARE, Rwanda, (Reuters): On a picturesque hillside in southern Rwanda a peasant woman hoes a tiny, sloping patch of sweet potatoes.

A soft rain is falling and around her the small fields of bananas, beans, potatoes, maize and coffee are lush and fertile.

But, with a baby strapped to her back and three other children playing nearby, Dominique Kanai is struggling to feed her family.

"The days we have food, we eat. The days we don't, we just go to sleep hungry," she says.

This is 'green famine' in Rwanda, a small country in Central Africa with one of the highest population densities on the continent.

Refugee workers call it hidden hunger because the backdrop is not the parched earth and withered crops of a traditional African famine, but an apparently blooming garden.

They estimate that several hundred people have died of hunger over the last six months.

Hundreds of thousands of people in southern and western Rwanda are facing acute food shortages due to a series of setbacks to their crops over the past 18 months — hail, too much rain, not enough rain and plant diseases.

Underlying all this is a chronic cause — Rwanda has simply become too densely populated to feed itself.

"They can't keep up anymore," said Ardagh Meghdessian, representative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Rwanda.

The balance — between growth in production and growth in population — has broken.

The WFP and the government aim to distribute 8,000 tonnes of food aid to 240,000 of the neediest people from now until June.

"Overpopulation is one of the main reason for this year's food shortages," said Jean-

Christome Ndindabahizi, director of the National Population Control Programme Onapo in Butare, one of the most densely populated and worst hit provinces.

"It's just a question of too many people on not enough land."

With more than seven million people squeezed into 26,000 square km (10,000 square miles), an area the size of Ireland, this former Belgian colony has a population density of 350 people per square km (560 per square mile).

And despite vigorous government support for family planning, Rwanda's 3.7 per cent annual population growth rate is one of the world's highest.

Agriculture Minister Anastase Nziriyayo said present plans to feed only the most needy famine victims left out several hundred thousand other people famine victims left out several hundred thousand other people expected to go hungry this year.

The worst affected were those with so little land they could not cope when their small harvest was reduced by bad weather or disease, he said.

"When times are bad, these people have no reserves."

Landlocked, almost entirely mountainous and with a balmy, well-watered climate, Rwanda likes to call itself the Switzerland of Africa.

But the tiny plots cultivated on every hillside by its peasant farmers are getting smaller as each generation divides up the family land among the children.

The average family of five lives from the food and cash crops grown on one hectare (2.4 acres) of land. Some 2.3 million people live on half that.

Despite efforts to terrace the hillsides and prevent erosion, constant cultivation is exhausting the soil and reducing its productivity.

"Farmers can't afford any more to leave 20

per cent of their land fallow for a year like they used to," said Meghdessian.

Coffee — which provides 90 per cent of Rwanda's export revenue — has also been hit by bad weather and disease.

Poor harvests and a slump in world coffee prices have combined to reduce the small cash income many farmers rely on to buy food they cannot grow.

The government was forced to cut the price it pays farmers for their coffee by 20 per cent last January, so many peasants were left with virtually no money, Nziriyayo said.

Relief and diplomatic sources in the capital Kigali said the government was at first reluctant to admit there were food shortages.

"They have always had a passion for self-sufficiency. It has come as a blow to admit there were shortages," said one diplomatic source.

Meghdessian said more help may soon be needed as the prospects for this year's harvest are not good either.

In the longer term, today's temporary food shortages could become a permanent deficit.

"We cannot put our hope in agriculture," Nziriyayo said. "Maybe we could increase yields with more fertiliser, more pesticides, but the problem would be back in five to 10 years."

With virtually no industry, Rwanda will have to look fast for ways to support itself.

"There may even have to be a programme of emigration, to nearby countries which have more land," the agriculture minister said.

A few years ago, Rwanda put forward a plan for one million of its citizens to emigrate to neighbouring Tanzania. But it fell through because Tanzania would not allow them to be settled in areas near the Rwandan frontier.

Some see Rwanda's current crisis as lesson for the rest of Africa.

"This is a showcase of what could happen to Africa if there is not a big increase in agricultural production and a slowing in population growth," said Meghdessian.

The past catches up with Rob Lowe..on screen

By Frank Durham

PRETTY-BOY Brat Packer Rob Lowe just can't seem to put his real-life boyish boy image behind him. Just when the world might be getting round to forgetting his indiscretion with an under-age girl, here comes a new movie about an amazingly similar situation — and he's the star!

Rob admits the steamy video which put him in the headlines was a mistake he would rather forget and he has agreed to do 15 hours a week community service for two years, touring schools to lecture youngsters on drug abuse.

But his latest movie will do little to help the 26-year-old actor shake off his image as the boyish boy of Hollywood. For in *Bad Influence*, Rob is cast as playboy Alex, an amoral drifter. And ironically, the character secretly videotapes his friend having a sexual fling!

Rob, who starred in *About Last Night* and *St Elmo's Fire*, is quick to defend the similarity between the film's plot and the scandal which almost wrecked his career.

He says: "I hope people are not stupid enough to believe that this movie is the Rob Lowe story. Everybody was talking about the parallels but I was not blown away by them as some people.

"What's the big deal? Tons of people use video tapes."

When the news broke last year that Rob had video-taped steamy sex sessions involving 16-year-old schoolgirl Jan Parsons, many movie bosses were hesitant to offer him roles... especially when a survey of American women revealed that 68 per cent would not be watching any more of his films!

Thousands of copies of the steamy home movie shot in an Atlanta hotel room during the Democratic convention in July 1988 changed hands for £1,200 each. And Rob narrowly escaped a 20-year jail sentence for the sexual exploitation of a minor, had criminal charges been filed.

He says now: "There was nothing wrong with my ethics. It was just bad judgment. I made a mistake and part of being a man is having the courage to face those mistakes."

"That was my mistake in not seeing a situation developing. Bad judgment covers all aspects of it."

He is a little bitter that others have benefited from his bad publicity. He says: "There's this guy in New York selling the tape and making a fortune. I heard he'd made over half a million dollars. I think that's just sick."

The operation goes well until Savage realizes that one of the Greek protectors is Akira, a Japanese whom Savage had seen decapitated when they worked together on a previous assignment. Akira, who also saw Savage killed, joins forces with Savage to find the truth.

Although Rob may have lost many



His new movie will do little to clean up Rob Lowe's 'bad boy' image. Here he is in a scene from *Bad Influence* with Lisa Zane.



Rob Lowe and James Spader co-star with Lisa Zane in the psychological thriller *Bad Influence*.

Influence, Steve Tisch, still believes casting him as the handsome drifter could make the film a big hit. He says: "Heightened curiosity about Rob could translate into good box-office. Selfishly, I hope the film performs well. If it is a success, then Rob will remain employable in this town for a long time."

Oddly enough, Rob's co-star in *Bad Influence* is James Spader who made a big hit in sex-ies-and-videotapes as Graham, who videos girls talking about sex.

In *Bad Influence*, Spader plays Michael, a successful marketing analyst climbing the corporate ladder with amazing dexterity. When he meets Alex, the charming and unpredictable

drifter, it is a case of opposites attracting, although Michael knows Alex will be a "bad influence."

Alex exposes the play-by-the-rules yuppie Michael to the wild underground club scene in Los Angeles. And life becomes a series of late nights, parties and hangovers...until Michael finds himself in the middle of a nightmare.

Producer Tisch says: "Rob's character is the classic guy our parents warned us to stay away from."

Rob adds: "He has a line in the movie that I particularly like where he says, 'People walk through their whole lives playing innocent until the day they die. But they're not. No one is innocent.'"

"And it's true.

Cinco de Mayo (May 5th)

Directions: Draw a line from the words in Column A to the English meanings in Column B. Use these pairs to solve the message. Place the letter of the pair in the box below the number. A letter may be used more than once.

Column A

1. enero
2. febrero
3. marzo
4. abril
5. mayo
6. junio
7. julio
8. agosto
9. septiembre
10. octubre
11. noviembre
12. diciembre

Column B

- a. January
- c. June
- d. November
- e. March
- h. August
- i. May
- j. October
- m. February
- n. July
- o. September
- x. April
- y. December

Message

I	2	3	4	5	6	7
A						A

8	9	10	11	12
				A

Questions you'd like to ask**How can I change the way I feel?**

Sometimes it's hard. Often you can change the way you feel by thinking differently. You may feel sad when your parents go out and leave you with a babysitter. You'll probably feel better when you remember that this particular babysitter knows how to do magic tricks and tells great bedtime stories. Sometimes a change of activity can change the way you feel. When you act happy, you're more likely to feel happy.

I dried my last tear,
I swear not to be seen,
I am leaving this world,
looking for my sweet home.

I climbed the clouds into the sky.
I counted the stars to keep my eyes
alive.

The wind keeps telling me,
it is my destiny calling me:

Then I know I will never smile again

Is it a good or bad life I have,
or is it death which will save my life,

Never smile again

Now I realise how precious the life I
used to have was,
in my new world I miss everything nice.

Where is the best friend I used to have,
loneliness surrounds me ever more.

I cry mother, father, come back and
take me,
noon seems to hear my cry.

There is no sun.

there are no stars, darkness covers the
town

Then I know I'll never smile again

I hate this world and hate to be alone,
I wish I could go back to my real world.

A wish which will never come true.
I will lie alone

Nessim Mohammed

Congratulations

Faraz Akhtar of International School of Pakistan
stood second in the
second class scoring 577/600.

This started the tradition of Greek theatres — semicircles of seats built into a hillside. In fact, the word "theatre" is of Greek origin and means "a place for seeing."

Theatre as we know it first developed in Greece as part of religious observance. The stage was simply a circle of turf on which the worshippers danced around the altar of Dionysus. The spot was usually of the foot of a hill so that the spectators on the slopes could watch the dancing.

A theatre built in Athens about 500 B.C. has a circular place, called the orchestra, where the performance was given. Erected behind the circle of the orchestra was a dignified-looking stage building. It was used as dressing place for the performers. This "skene" (from which comes the word "scene") served as background for the action of the play. Very little scenery was used by the Greeks, and no artificial lighting was needed, because the plays were presented in the daytime.

The first permanent stone was built in Rome in 52 B.C. The theatres of the Romans were similar to those of the Greeks, except that they were built on level ground. The Romans were the first to fill the orchestra with seats and present the play on a raised stage behind which was the "Skene."

After the Roman world turned Christian, no theatres were built for about a thousand years. The first modern theatre was the Teatro Farnese of Parma, Italy. It was built in 1618 or 1619. Its stage, instead of projecting far out into the orchestra, was built into one of the walls. A curtain was used to separate the stage from the auditorium, so that changes of scenery could be made out of sight of the audience.

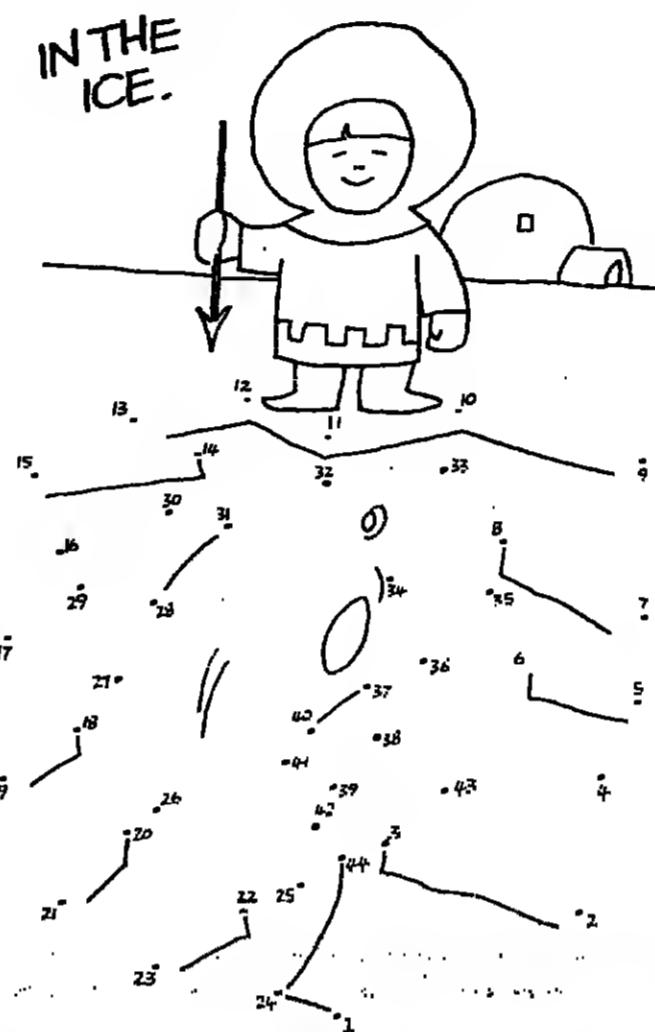
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Did you know?

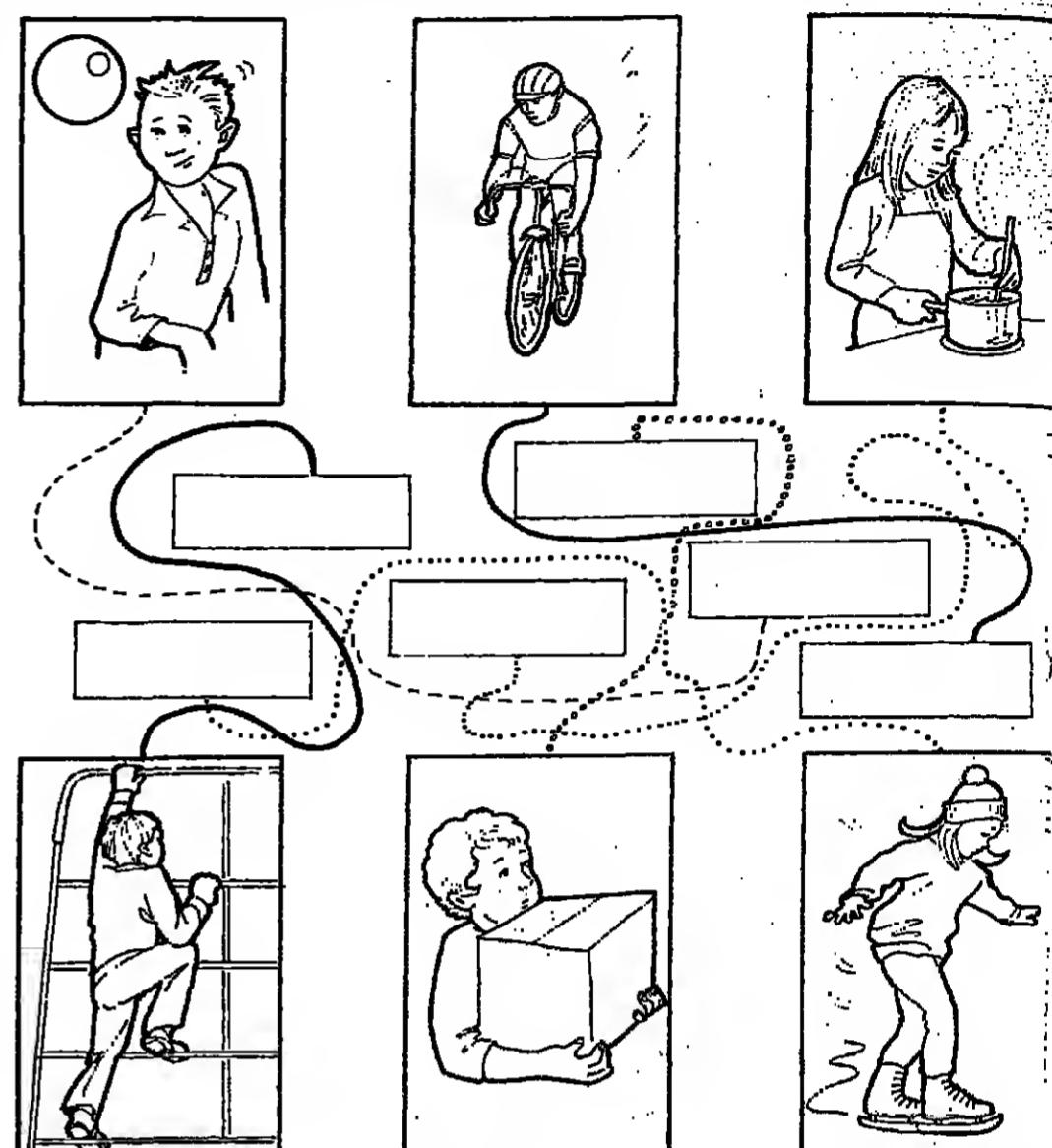
Scientists think that all the land on earth was first joined into one large mass called Pangaea. The continents we know today were created when Pangaea broke up.

The red flag with the hammer and sickle symbols of the USSR was first used in 1917.

On March 1978, Vladimir Remek of Czechoslovakia became the first non-American or non-Russian in space when he flew in Soyuz XXVIII.

Join the dots**Actions 1**

What are they doing?
Use a different colour for each person.

**BUILDING SITE**

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E	S	T	A	N	C	I	A	A

Cue: Garden shed (3 letters)

CIRCUS CRISS-CROSS

The words listed below are all things that you might see at the circus. Can you fit them into the grid by counting the empty squares and working out where each one goes?

One word has been filled in already to give you a start.

4 letters

SEAL

5 letters

CLOWN

6 letters

BIG TOP

MONKEY

TICKET

7 letters

ACROBAT

CARAVAN

JUGGLER

TRAPEZE

8 letters

RINGMASTER

WHY DID THE ELEPHANT LEAVE THE CIRCUS?

BECAUSE HE WAS TIRED OF WORKING FOR PEANUTS!

9 letters

Fig. A

Fig. B

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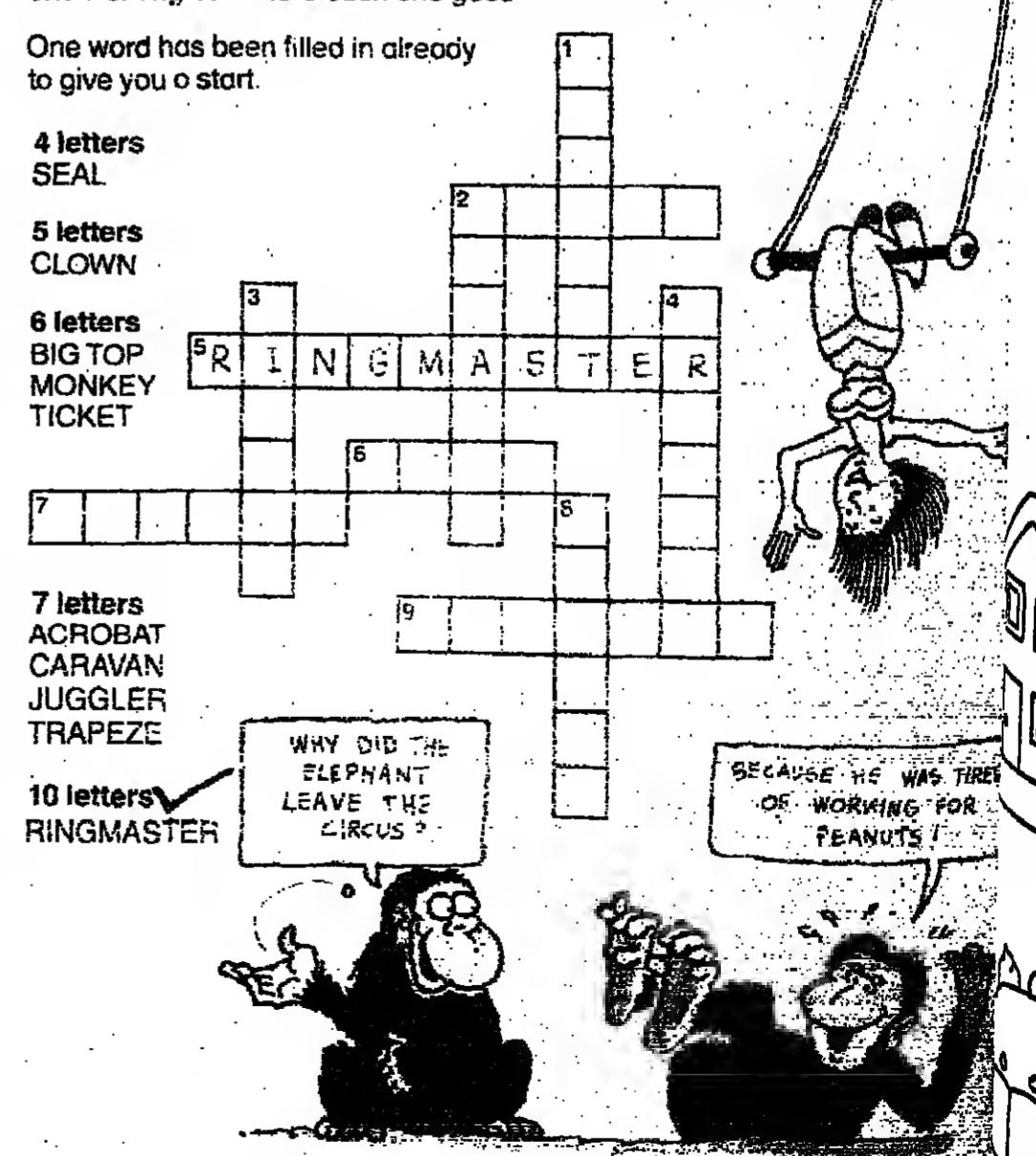
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THE MAGICIAN HOLDS A LIT MATCH IN HIS HAND AND BLOWS AIR FROM HIS MOUTH IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. THE MATCH BLOWS OFF.

SECRET:
HOLD THE BURNING MATCH AS SHOWN IN FIG "A". WHILE BLOWING STRIKE THE BOTTOM OF THE MATCH WITH THUMB AS SHOWN IN FIG "B".

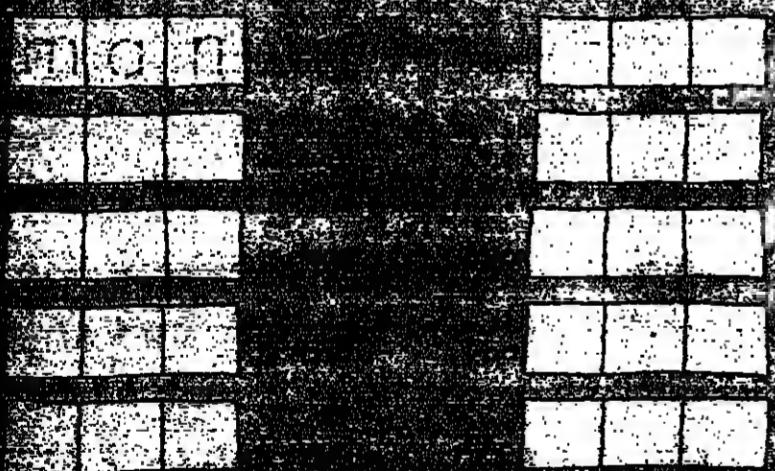
REMEMBER: DO NOT LOOK AT THE MATCH WHILE STRIKING. TRY TO MISDIRECT YOUR AUDIENCE BY BLOWING AIR ON THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

CAUTION: ALL FIRE MAGIC IS DANGEROUS

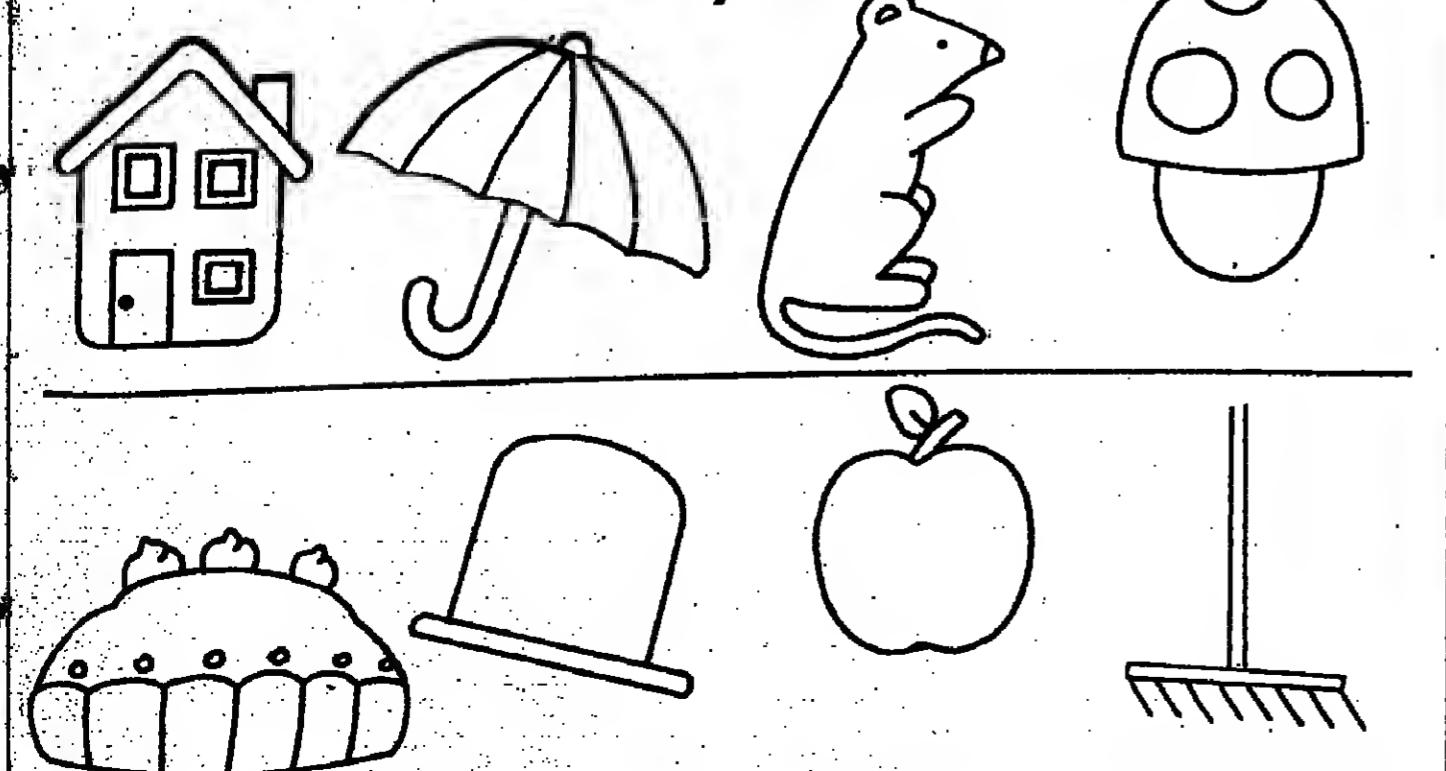


Little Grey Rabbit's larder

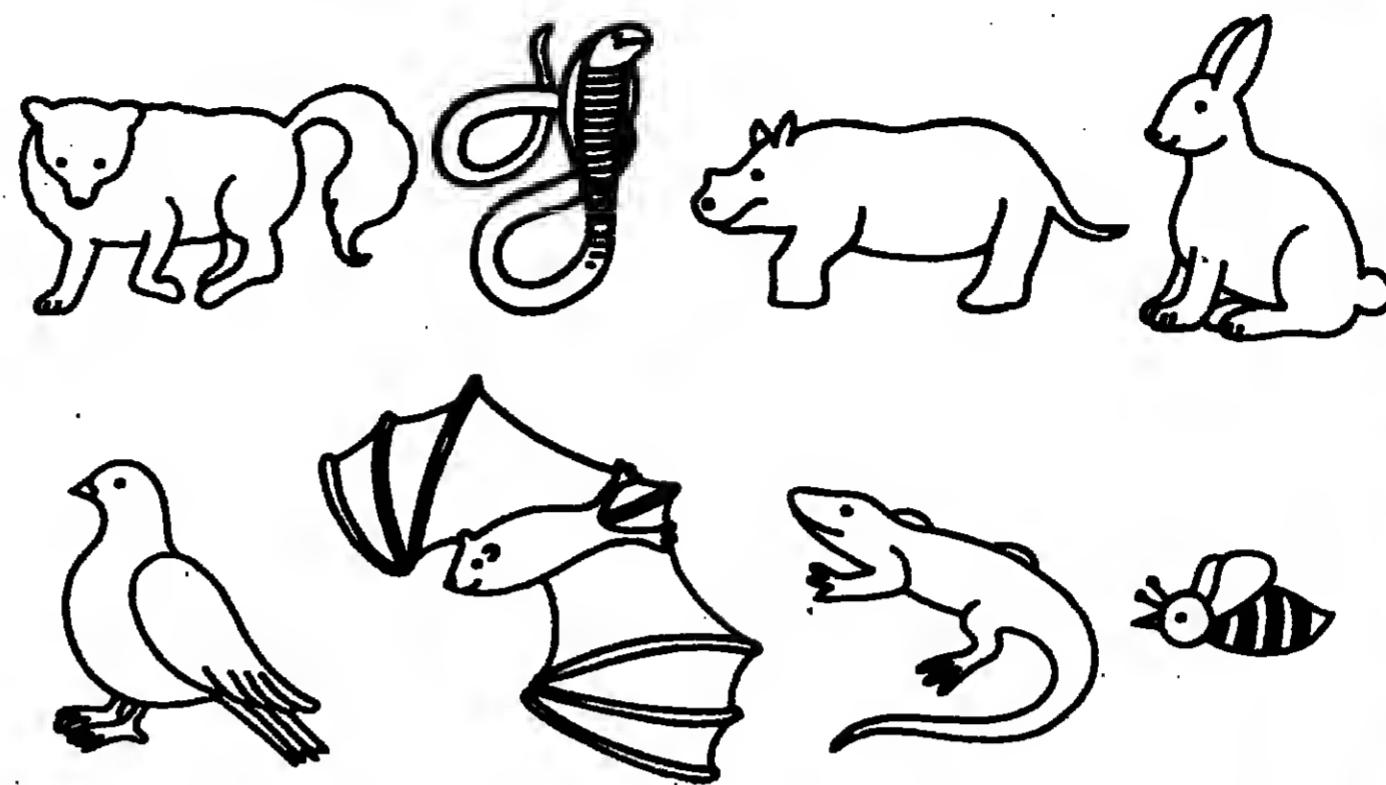
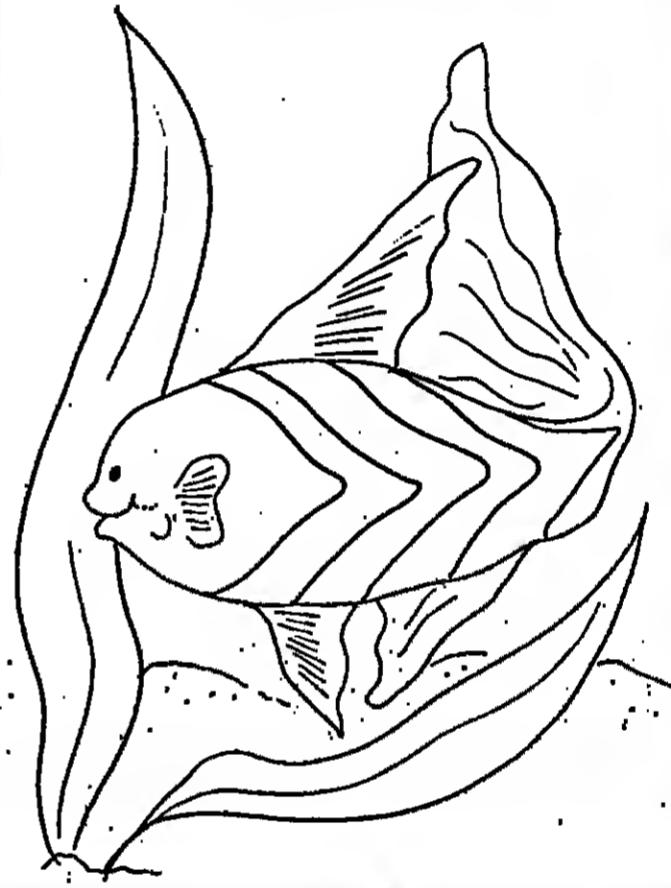
Find the six carrots hidden in the picture. Now draw some other objects on the shelves to complete the picture.



Find the words in each line that sound same.

Rhymes**Walking, flying, swimming and climbing**

Animals move in different ways. In each group, colour in the animal which moves in a different way from the other animals.

**Name the Flowers ...****Colouring time****Just for laughs!**

'What would you like for your birthday, Sis?' 'I'd like a dress to match the colour of my eyes.'

'Would you? Where am I going to get a bloodshot frock?'

'My boyfriend says I look like a dishy Italian!' said Miss Conceited. 'He's right,' said her brother.

'Sophia Loren?' 'No — spaghetti!'

'Is my dinner hot?' asked the excessively late husband.

'It should be,' said his furious wife, 'it's been on the fire since seven o'clock!'

'Mum, now that I'm fifteen, can I wear lipstick and mascara and perfume and pluck my eyebrows and get my hair waved?'

'No, James, you may not.'

Amazing facts

Women of the Jos Plateau, Togoland, Africa, make known their married status by wearing a small bustle of plaited straw.

In Chauen, in Northern Morocco you can see snow on trees and rooftops during the summer.

Before evolving his theory of relativity, Albert Einstein had worked as a clerk in a patents office.

The paradise fish of Thailand builds its nest underwater, bringing air from the surface and saliva to create a nest of bubbles.

Fireflies are bright enough to shine through the stomach of a frog.

The first adhesive postage stamps (the Penny Blacks) came into use in England on May 6, 1840.

A Doberman dog once tracked a stock thief 100 miles by scent alone across the Great Karroo, South Africa.

Flies take off with a backward jump.

A half-breed fox terrier living in Sydney, Australia hates cats and has killed ten, but has kidnapped a ginger kitten and looks after it like a puppy and won't give it up to its mother.

Before 1920 it was rare for trucks to move faster than 10 mph.

Pepi II was Pharaoh in Egypt for ninety-four years.

Happy birthday

Mayank Nanda turns 2 on May 5.



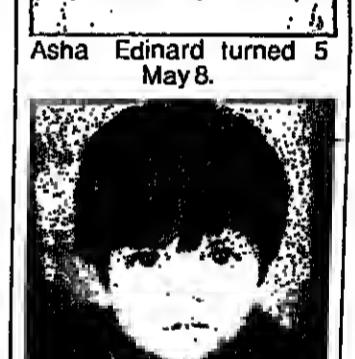
Suhail Vilakkiri turned 5 on May 3.



Savio D'Souza turned 9 on May 3.



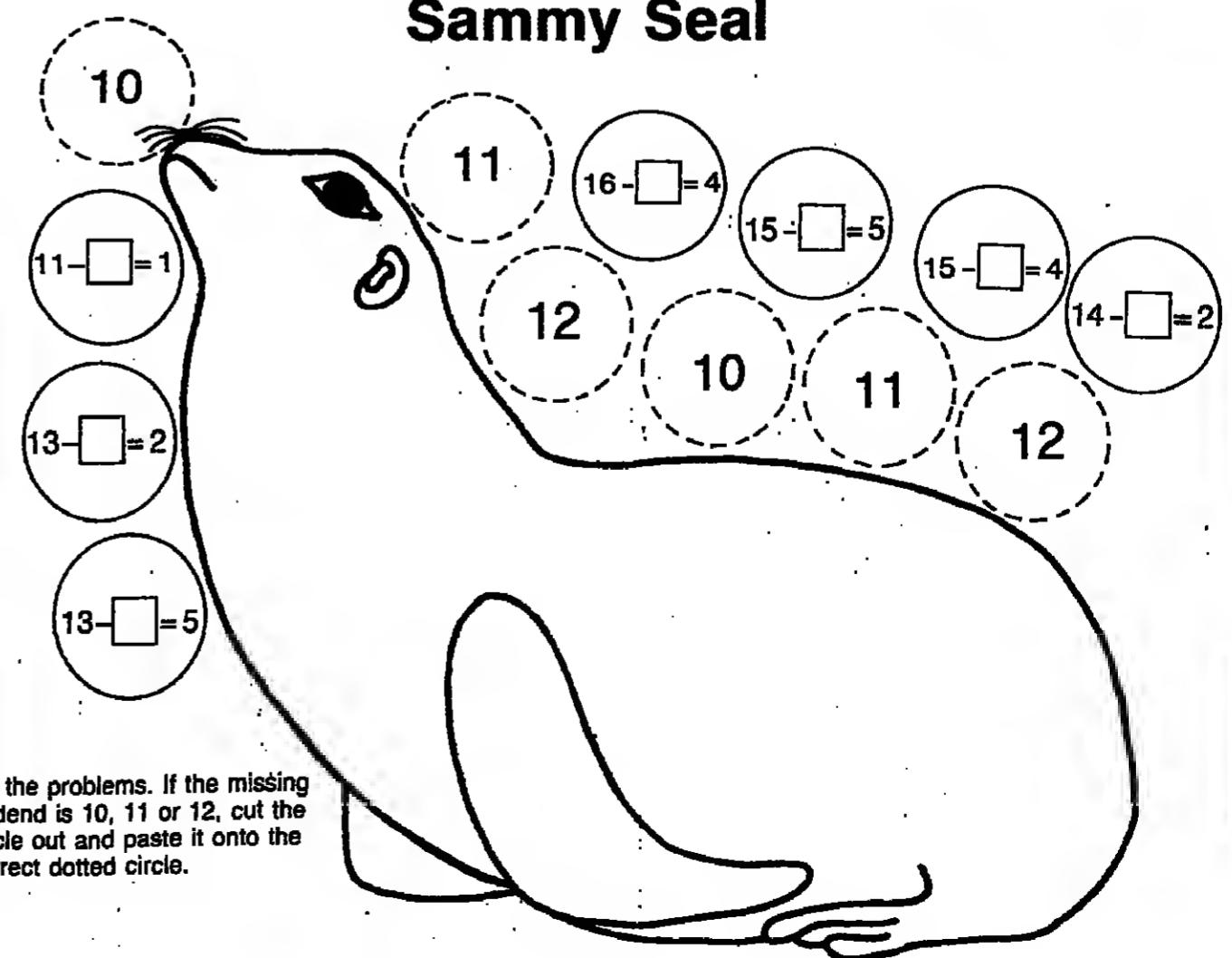
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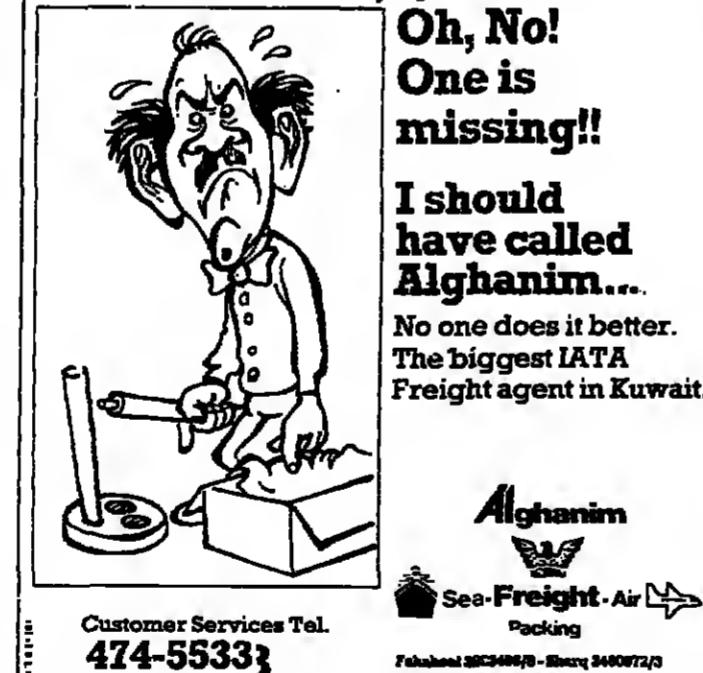
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SPORTS

Rodman gets top NBA award

NEW YORK. May 8. (Reuters): Dennis Rodman, whose tenacious play was a key factor in helping the Detroit Pistons allow the fewest points in the National Basketball Association this season, was named the League's Defensive Player of the Year, the NBA announced yesterday.

The 6-foot eight-inch (2.03-metre) Rodman, who moved to starring forward for Detroit midway through the season after being one of the

League's premier sixth men, received 49 of 92 votes from panel of sports writers and broadcasters to beat Houston centre Akeem Olajuwon for top defensive honours.

Olajuwon, who led the NBA in rebounding and blocked shots received 35 votes. Detroit's Joe Dumars and Derek Harper of the Dallas Mavericks each received two votes with four other players garnering one vote each.

Rodman, a four-year veteran who made the

NBA All-Star team this year for his outstanding defensive skills, led the NBA champion Pistons in rebounding with 9.7 per game and usually drew the assignment of guarding the opposition's most dangerous scorer.

"I just love defence so much that it's like a burning desire that keeps me going," Rodman said. "So this (award) is the biggest tribute you could pay to a player like me."

MCC beat New Zealand

Gower makes spectacular return

LONDON. May 8. (Reuters): Former England cricket captain David Gower made a spectacular return to form yesterday as MCC defeated New Zealand by six wickets in their one-day cricket match at Lord's.

Gower, who has had an indifferent start to the season with his new county Hampshire, stroked 97 in the MCC total of 224 for six with 4.1 of their 55 overs remaining.

New Zealand tallied 222 for eight when their overs ran out with Andrew Jones scoring 49 and Mark Greatbatch 52.

The elegant Gower, who was sacked as England captain last year then omitted from the touring side to the West Indies, was particularly harsh on Danny Morrison, the tourists' fastest bowler.

Gower hit Morrison's fifth ball for six then took 16 off the paceman's fifth over, including another six.

He compiled his 97 from only 104 deliveries, including two sixes and 11 fours before edging a delivery to reserve wicketkeeper Adam Parore off the persevering Martin Snedden.

Seamer Snedden was easily the pick of the New Zealand attack

with three for 28 from 10 overs. Earlier, Jones and Greatbatch, vital components of the powerful New Zealand middle order, added 85 for the third

wicket against a distinctly makeshift bowling attack.

But after they were parted the New Zealanders lost momentum, with acting captain Martin

Crowe falling for 26 just as he was getting into his stride.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND

T. Franklin	t	Tulneff	b	Tremlett	26
J. Clowe	c	B Lever	1		
A. Jones	t	Parkes	2	Bainbridge	49
M. Greatbatch	c	Wright	52	b	Jarvis
S. Thomson	b	Bainbridge	5		
M. Crowe	c	Parks	26		
M. Priest	t	b	28		
A. Parore	t	out	6		
M. Snedden	t	not out	8		
Extras (B-1 lb-2 w-15)			18		
Total (for eight wickets, 55 overs) 222					
Fall of wickets: 1-82 4-129 5-135					
5-184 6-178 7-206 8-222					
Did not bat: D. Morrison, J. Millnow					
Bowling: Jarvis 11-1-49-2, Lever 11-1-45-1, Tulneff 11-4-42-0, Tremlett 11-0-50-2, Bainbridge 11-1-33-2.					
MCC					
A. Wright c Parore b Snedden	8				
P. Terry b Millnow	4				
D. Gower c Parore b Snedden	97				
M. Ramepkash c M. Crowe b Snedden	6				
K. Brown not out	79				
P. Bainbridge not out	19				
Extras (B-4 lb-3 w-4)	11				
Total (for four wickets, 50.5 overs) 224					
Fall of wickets: 1-8 2-46 3-62 4-171					
Did not bat: T. Tremlett, R. Parks, J. Lever, P. Tulneff, K. Jarvis					
Bowling: Morrison 5-1-33-0, Millnow 10-4-43-1, Snedden 10-3-28-3, Thomson 9.5-1-40-0, Priest 11-0-40-0, Jones 5-0-33-0.					
Result: MCC won by six wickets.					



Gower led MCC from the front

Perez stops Martinez to retain title

LOS ANGELES. May 8. (Reuters): Mexico's Perez retained his World Boxing Council bantamweight championship yesterday when he stopped third-ranked contender Gerardo Martinez of the United States. In the seconds of the ninth round.

Perez, making his fifth title defense, knocked Martinez to the canvas with 30 seconds left in the ninth with a flurry of lefts and rights to the challenger's head.

Martinez struggled to his feet, but the 23-year-old champion knocked him down again. Referee Henry Elespuru stopped the scheduled 12-round bout after the second knockdown at two minutes 59 seconds of the ninth round.

Advantage

Perez, who stands 1.80 metres tall, used his 20 cms reach advantage effectively against his shorter opponent and scored throughout the fight with left jabs and rights to the 24-year-old Martinez's head.

"The fight came through the way I like them to," Perez said afterwards.

Martinez fought aggressively but said he was hampered by a pair of slippery shoes.

"The shoes were the main factor of the fight," Martinez said. He said the slippery footing sapped some of the power from the punches.

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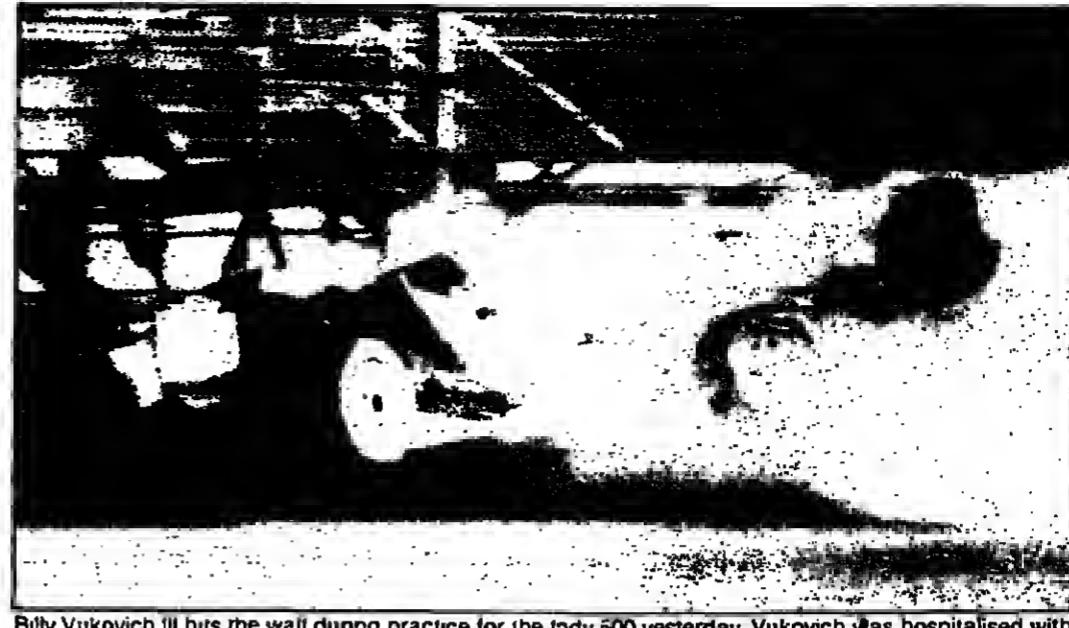
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Billy Vukovich III hits the wall during practice for the Indy 500 yesterday. Vukovich was hospitalized with concussion. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sullivan set for Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS. May 8. (AP): Danny Sullivan, who has had a lucky spin as well as a few bad bounces at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, doesn't even think about the broken arm that almost kept him out of the race a year ago.

Sullivan's car lost a hood cover during practice two days before the start of qualifications. The car slid 645 feet (196.7 metres), spun once and struck the outside wall, and Sullivan suffered a mild concussion and broken right arm.

He was fitted with a special cast, but the Penske racing team hired Geoff Brabham as a standby in case Sullivan couldn't drive. Sullivan, winner of the Indy 500 in 1985 but eliminated in wrecks three other times, was able to qualify the second weekend but exited after 41 laps because of a clutch.

Factor
"I don't think about it anymore," Sullivan, fourth in Indy-car season standings this year, said. "It was a factor, but I was able to win a couple races last year after that with about 85 percent strength in my arm, and over the winter, I was able to develop it physically."

Sullivan and his Penske teammates Rick Mears and Emerson Fittipaldi are among the favourites for the pole position during the first of four days of qualifications Saturday for the May 27 race.

Sullivan drove his new Chevrolet-powered Penske racer for the first time this week.

"We're just trying to tune it, get it a little faster and not do anything silly," he said. "This is my first time at Indianapolis since last year — I didn't test there with Rick and Emma — so I'm just trying to get back in the groove."

Baseball games

NEW YORK. May 8. (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday.

American League

Kansas City	4	Cleveland	2 (1)
Toronto	6	Chicago W.S.	1
Milwaukee	5	Detroit	4
Oakland	5	N.Y. Yankees	1
Boston	5	Seattle	4
Baltimore	6	California	5

National League

Montreal Expos	1	San Francisco	1
N.Y. Mets	7	Houston	1
Pittsburgh	4	San Diego	1
Atlanta	9	Chicago Cubs	0
Cincinnati	3	St. Louis	0

Calgary coach fired

CALGARY, Alberta. May 8. (Reuters): Crisp's firing at a news conference.

"It is the feeling that to maximise the potential of our hockey club it necessitates a change of coach," said Fletcher, who did not name a successor.

Fletcher said Crisp had the option of remaining with the team in a "meaningful capacity." He said a decision on a new coach could be made in a few days.

Olazabal pips Woosnam for B&H crown

ST MELLION, England. May 8. (Reuters): Spaniard Jose-Maria Olazabal sank a surging, downhill putt on the last green to snatch a one-shot victory over Britain's Ian Woosnam in a thrilling climax to the Benson and Hedges International golf tournament yesterday.

Olazabal's victory — his first in Britain as a professional — was achieved with a last round of 73 for a one-under-par total of 279 after Woosnam missed a putt of just over three feet on the 17th green.

"The ball jumped as Woosnam hit it and that let me win," Olazabal said.

Woosnam also had a final round of 73, leaving him two strokes clear of third-placed West German Bernhard Langer, who had a 70 for 282.

Olazabal is the only player to win the boys, youths and amateur championships in Britain, but since he turned professional four years ago, success here had eluded him.

"I have been looking forward enormously to my first win here," he said.

Bulls triumph

CHICAGO. May 8. (AP): Michael Jordan scored 39 points and the Chicago Bulls survived a cold spell early in the fourth quarter, beating the Philadelphia 76ers 96-85 in the opener of their best-of-seven NBA playoff series.

Leading by 12 points early in last night's game and by 10 points several times in the third quarter, the Bulls and Jordan went cold at the start of the fourth period. The 76ers, led by Charles Barkley's 30 points, chopped the lead to 73-71 on a basket by Barkley with 8:35 left. But they never could tie it.

Scottie Pippen made a free throw with 5:32 left for the Bulls' first point in the final quarter. Jordan, who had missed four straight shots, then scored 15 points down the stretch to clinch the victory. Jordan ended the game in dramatic fashion with a 3-point goal.

Pippen had 18 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds. Mike Gminski had 14 points for the 76ers.

The teams meet again tomorrow night before the series shifts to Philadelphia for games Friday and Sunday.

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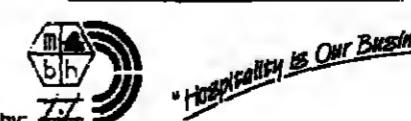
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Corsica Rally

AJACCIO, Corsica, May 8. (Reuter): Leading standings in the Tour de Corsica Rally at the end of the first part of the third stage today: 1. Didier Auriol (France) Lancia Delta Integrale three hours 34 minutes six seconds; 2. Carlos Sainz (Spain) Toyota Celica one minute 11 seconds behind; 3. Francois Chatriot (France) BMW M3 2:41; 4. Bruno Saby (France) Lancia Delta Integrale 3:55; 5. Yves Loubet (France) Lancia Delta Integrale 4:12; 6. Raimund Baumschlager (Austria) VW Golf GTI 19:35; 7. Claude Balesi (France) Renault GT Turbo 21:04; 8. Laurence Poggi (France) Citroen AX Sport 21:07; 9. Francois Serpaggi (France) Ford Sierra Cosworth 21:48; 10. Alain Oreille (France) Renault 5 GT Turbo 22:09.

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 8. (Reuter): Sharp increases in prize money offered by Wimbledon and the French Open have left organisers of the Australian Open tennis championship wondering whether it can still compete as a Grand Slam tournament. Australian Open general manager Jim Reid said today that increases in prize money for Wimbledon and the French Open this year about \$5.4 million had destroyed any hopes the Melbourne tournament had of competing in cash terms.

Reserve player

BELFAST, May 8. (Reuter): Liverpool's 21-year-old midfielder Jim Magilton, yet to play for his club's first team, remained today in Northern Ireland's squad for a soccer friendly against World Cup finalists Uruguay in Belfast on May 17.

Egyptian team

CAIRO, May 8. (UPI): Egypt's national soccer team, bound for the World Cup finals in Italy in June, yesterday left for a two-week warm-up series with matches scheduled against Scotland and Romania.

Midfield star

MADRID, May 8. (Reuter): Midfield star Rafael Martin Vazquez said yesterday he was leaving Spanish soccer champions Real Madrid and would almost certainly play in Italy next season.

Return leg

FLORENCE, Italy, May 8. (Reuter): UEFA Cup finalists Fiorentina, banned from playing at their own ground because of crowd trouble, want to play the May 16 return leg against fellow Italians Juventus in Avellino, southern Italy.

Schumacher quits

ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 8. (AP): West German international goalkeeper Toni Schumacher yesterday will resign as the captain of the Turkish team Fenerbahce following a fight with a teammate during a League game Sunday.

Stanley Cup

NEW YORK, May 8. (Reuter): Results of the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup semifinal playoff game yesterday: Wales Conference finals Boston Bruins 4, Washington Capitals 1 (Bruins lead best-of-seven series 3-0).

Becker edges Cane

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 8. (Agencies): Top-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany shrugged off a slow start to his second round match in the West German Open tennis championships today to score a 7-6 6-1 victory over Paolo Cane of Italy.

Becker, who got the top seed after world No. 2 Stefan Edberg of Sweden withdrew from the tournament, made a number of unforced errors as he tried to overcome a stubborn Cane.

The first set went into a tie-breaker but the second saw Becker, the world No. 3, find his powerful serve and cruise to an easy victory. Cane seemed to be tiring after his long match against Kevin Curren last night. Cane won that match 7-6 6-4 after a long struggle.

West German Jens Woermann gained a measure of revenge yesterday for his Davis Cup loss to Argentine Alberto Mancini.

Woermann beat the 16th seed 6-0 6-2 in the first round, giving him some compensation for the four-set defeat Mancini inflicted six weeks ago in the



Gianluca Viali

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 8. (Reuter): Anderlecht coach Ad de Mos wants revenge when the Belgians take on Italy's Sampdoria in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup tomorrow.

For De Mos was hitting his fingernails in the dug-out as coach of another Belgian club, Mechelen, when they were defeated by Sampdoria in the semifinal of last season's tournament.

"They're the same. Perhaps a bit stronger because they've practised together more and know each other better now," De Mos, reviewing this year's line-up of the Genoa side, told Reuters.

Dutchman De Mos and the Mechelen players were upset not only by the defeat, which stripped them of the Cup they had won in 1988, but also by what they considered rough Sampdoria tactics in the decisive return leg in Italy.

"But this time it'll be different. Now they won't have the home advantage and there's just one match," De Mos said of the Italians, who went down 2-0 to

Barcelona in the final.

Anderlecht, with six European club finals including Cup Winner's Cup trophies in 1976 and 1978 and the UEFA Cup title in 1983, have tradition on their side when they step onto the pitch at Gothenburg's Ullevi Stadium.

De Mos can also take heart in a strong injury-free squad with six Belgian internationals, including strikers Marc van der Linden and Luc Nilis, and internationals from such diverse and exotic places as Nigeria, Zambia and

Iceland.

But Sampdoria, anxiously eyeing their first international trophy which they hope will lift them into the top class of Italian clubs, remain a daunting prospect.

International strikers Gianluca Viali and Roberto Mancini sharpened their knives against Monaco in the semifinals with Viali striking twice in the 2-2 away draw and Mancini excell-

ing in the 2-0 home win.

"We must win the trophy, this

time there are no excuses," said Viali.

"Both trainers will plan tactics

hoping the other team will attack, because both are very good on the break," said

Viali.

"Anderlecht are a better side than Barcelona, but we are better than last year, too, so we can win," added Mancini.

The Genoese, three-time winners of the Italian Cup and fifth in the Italian League this season, did not have to contend with Bar-

celona this time around. Ironically, the Spanish holders were eliminated by Anderlecht in the second round.

Viali, Mancini and Sampdoria's two other players on the national squad — goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca and stopper Pietro Vierchowod — returned yesterday from World Cup training camp in Florence for a flight to Sweden today.

With Brazilian midfielder Cezario excluded by ligament trouble and injured fibero Luca Pellegrini doubtful, Sampdoria are likely to field the same team which beat Monaco at home.

"I'll put three goals past him on Sunday," Maradona

retorted, thinking ahead to the impending League clash between the two sides, and actually beat Gatti four times.

Gatti's point, however, was that the stocky, muscular Maradona had a tendency to put on excess weight easily if he was not careful.

Maradona, worried about his lack of fitness and about being at least six kilos overweight, in March began a diet prescribed by his nutrition specialist Henri Clercq.

After shedding about four kilos, Maradona went to see sports medicine specialist professor Antonio Dal Monte in Rome, asking to be fine-tuned for two objectives, the Italian championship and the World Cup.

By winning the first, Maradona has already contrib-

uted to Argentina's defence of the world title. It will

be like playing at home in Naples, a city in love again with the Napoli ace.

After a victory over Juventus in late March,

Maradona said: "The fans wouldn't let me go, they climbed on to my car. It was very emotional, something like regaining the affection which I feared had been lost after the jibes and whistles of earlier Sunday League matches."

Speaking at a news conference

after talks with British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, soccer federation president Antonio Matarrese said Britain had asked Italy to deal severely with troublemakers, putting them in jail if necessary.

He said Britain was worried about possible violence by fans during the World Cup sought a ban on the sale of alcohol before, during and after England's matches.

Matarrese admitted it would be difficult to control alcohol sales in Italy, where beer, wine and spirits are freely available in every bar, cafe, grocery shop and supermarket.

But he said: "I think we will be able to do it... fans must realize that if they get drunk we will send them home."

Matarrese, who is vice-president of the European Football Union Uefa, said Moynihan had wanted a decision on the return of English clubs to European competitions delayed until after the World Cup.

He said Moynihan wanted the delay following clashes between police and over 2,500 football supporters in Bournemouth, England, on Saturday.

The Italian specialist said that he made a detailed

study of Maradona's physical condition and drew up a personalised training programme for the Argentine to

Maradona ready for World Cup



Maradona pounds away on an exercise bike. (Reuter wirephoto)

follow daily wherever he is, at home, in Napoli or on a long plane trip to Japan.

He said that when Maradona came to see him he or his mother complained of back pains and was worried about his weight.

"We had to show him his body was in good shape," Dal Monte said. "A series of physio-biomechanic tests with very modern equipment convinced him."

The training programme was aimed essentially at getting Maradona in top shape for the full length of a match, making him faster but reducing the after-effects of his efforts by increasing his powers of recovery, Dal Monte said.

But he said Maradona did all the hard work. The professor simply told him what he could achieve.

Dal Monte, who deals regularly with players of Rome's First Division clubs as Roma and Lazio, has also been working on Maradona's Argentine teammate Jorge Valdano.

"Valdano is the most interesting from the scientific point of view. If it (his comeback) works, it will be a miracle," Dal Monte said.

The 34-year old former Real Madrid star, a prominent member of Argentina's 1986 side, retired three years ago but, urged by coach Carlos Bilardo, is attempting a comeback specifically for the World Cup.

Dal Monte said there was an element of luck in his success with Maradona.

"Football is so unpredictable that all it would have needed was for Maradona to take a sufficiently hard knock for people to say immediately that all this work was a mistake."

Swear off sex: Vicini

COVERCIANO, Italy, May 8. (AP): The head coach of the Italian national soccer team yesterday said he is asking his players to swear off sex until the World Cup tournament ends on July 8.

Azeglio Vicini told reporters in Italy's training centre at Coverciano, near Florence, that the next weekend will be the last as liberty for the players before a long period of "seclusion."

"Chastity of players prior and during a major competition has been a long-debated but unsolved problem," said Vicini, adding that the players will have to concentrate on strategy, training and study their opponents.

Vicini, a former player, added he was certain that the players will be busy enough with the biggest challenge of their career, an unprecedented fourth world title for Italy.

For entertainment, he said, the players will have videotapes and a few excursions out of the training centre — under the watchful eye of Vicini and other team officials.

Police seek 'veto'

LONDON, May 8. (Reuter): Senior police officers in the front line were among those arrested yesterday for obstructing police soccer fans in a southern English town called Vicini, a town in the city's rural area.

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Police arrested 120 people after rioting thousands of Leeds United fans, many with tickets, ran riot in a pub on the seafront town of Bournemouth, Dorset, on Saturday. At least 20 people were injured.

Police said later they had asked the football League last June 10 to foot the cost of changing the date of the match, saying it was a matter of convenience.

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